

## EXERCISES FOR REPORTED SPEECH

### 1. Put the following sentences into Reported Speech.

- What do you think of my new dress ?
- I cannot wait anymore. I need to see him right now.
- If everything goes on all right, then we'll have finished it next year.
- Don't move or I'll shoot !
- That boy was always trying to talk to me but gradually left it.
- Who's screaming there ? It's your son; he's got one leg broken.
- "Tell him to come at once." "Yes, I'll do, but why do you want him here ?"

### 2. Report the following dialogue.

- Brother: Why haven't you told me that Mary phoned ?
- Sister: I didn't remember it. Don't get angry with me.
- Brother: Didn't I told you yesterday that Mary could phone ?
- Sister: There are a lot of things that I have to do and I can't remember everything.
- Brother: I know what you have to do. You have to go out with your friends and you don't know about anything else.
- Sister: Don't preach me, please. If your girlfriend phones and you're not in, I'm not to blame.
- Brother: What can you say about that ? When you're at home you're always on the phone.
- Sister: It's OK. I cannot go on talking to you. The phone's ringing.

### 3. Put the following sentences into Reported Speech.

- "I'm living with my parents at present", she said, "but I hope to have a flat of my own shortly."
- .Mary has just received a postcard from Ann, beginning, "I'm coming up to London next week. I hope you and Jack will meet me for lunch one day" (Imagine that Mary is reading this card to Jack).
- "I've missed my train", said Bill. "Now I'll be late for work and my boss will be furious."
- "How long will you go on looking for them ?" I asked one of the search party. "We'll go on till we find them", he said. "But we don't search at night. We'll stop when it gets dark and start again at first light tomorrow."
- "Don't drive too close to the car in front", said the driving instructor.
- "Let's not tell anyone", said Tom, "till we are quite certain that the report is true."