

## 1. QUESTIONS IN REPORTED SPEECH

You went to a party last week, where you were introduced to several people you had never met before. In a conversation, you now talk about the party and report the various questions that different people asked you during the course of the evening.

1. "Who did you come to the party with?"
2. "Did you come with a friend?"
3. "Why aren't you drinking?"
4. "Would you like something to drink?"
5. "Where do you live?"
6. "Do you know many people here?"
7. "When did you arrive?"
8. "What do you do for a living?"
9. "Did you see that marvellous documentary on TV last night?"
10. "Have you been watching the latest TV serial?"
11. "How do you like your coffee, black or white?"
12. "What time is it?"
13. "What's your phone number?"
14. "Can I give you a ring tomorrow?"
15. "How will you get back home?"

## 2. CHOICE OF INTRODUCTORY VERBS IN REPORTED STATEMENTS

Replace the verb "said" in the sentences by one of the verbs given. Though different verbs may be used in one sentence, try and use each verb once only.

### SHOUT - CLAIM - SUGGEST - AGREE - WHISPER - MUTTER - EXCLAIM - INSIST - BOAST - ADMIT - OBJECT - PROTEST

1. "I can speak six languages fluently", he said.
2. "Let's go to the cinema this evening", he said.
3. "Stop that noise in the classroom", said the teacher.
4. "That car you are driving is my property", the man said.
5. "Yes, I broke the windows with my catapult", the boy said.
6. "You can't take me to prison. I know my rights", the man said.
7. "I shall always love you", said his fiancée.
8. "We don't have enough money to carry out the plan", said the treasurer.
9. "This teacher doesn't know what he's talking about", said the student.
10. "Well, it is a surprise to meet you here today!", she said.
11. "Well, yes; if the weather is bad, we can't go", he said.
12. "If you can't come today, you simply must come tomorrow", she said.

## 3. CONVERSATIONS FROM A PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW

- p. "Jake doesn't want any more children", I said.  
d. "Do you like children, Mrs. Armitage?"  
p. "How can I answer such a question?"  
d. "Do you think that it would be wrong not to like children?"  
p. "I don't know. Yes. Yes, I think so."  
d. "Why do you think so?"  
p. "Because children don't do any harm."  
d. "They do not do it directly, perhaps."  
p. "Perhaps you don't have any", I said.  
d. "Oh, yes. I have three. There are two boys and a girl."  
p. "How old are they?"  
d. "Their ages are sixteen, fourteen and ten."  
p. "And do you like them "  
d. "I like them most of the time."  
p. "Well, then. That's my answer. I like them most of the time."

## 4. PUT ALL THE POSSIBLE SENTENCES INTO DIRECT SPEECH

1. He asked me to lend him five pounds, which I agreed to do, somewhat reluctantly, on condition that he paid me back the following week.
2. Michael rang up Jean at the last moment, apologizing profusely for being unable to go to dinner with her that evening. Despite his apology, Jean was very put out, and said that he might have let her know earlier; she wouldn't have needed to make such elaborate preparations.
3. I was taken completely by surprise, and in fact could hardly believe Margaret was serious when she told me she was going to leave England early the following year to take up a job abroad.
4. When that lady protested at being told to open her suitcase for inspection, the Customs Official firmly but politely pointed out that she must do as she was asked.
5. After the accident, the bus driver accused the motorist of not looking where he was going. To this the latter retorted that if the other hadn't been driving so fast, he himself would have had a chance of stopping in time.