

REPORTED SPEECH 1

Change the direct speech into reported speech.

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- 2 "You should quit smoking." She told me _____
- 3 "You can stay in Chicago for another week." He told me _____
- 4 "I will be twenty years old in July." She said _____
- 5 "I have heard of the accident." He told me _____
- 6 "It may be true." He said _____
- 7 "I might win." She said _____
- 8 "You should study French." He told me _____
- 9 "I can sleep on the sofa." Mary said _____
- 10 "I will call you back." He told her _____
- 11 "I have never had that problem before." Tom said _____
- 12 "I want to be a scientist." Mary told me _____
- 13 "It may take a while." They said _____
- 14 "I know a famous actress." She said _____
- 15 "I'm going to take a risk." Tom told me _____
- 16 "That girl kissed me." He said _____
- 17 "I would help you if I could." She told me _____
- 18 "I may retire." My grandfather said _____
- 19 "I left my wallet at home." Mary informed us _____
- 20 "I regret my decision." Tom said _____
- 21 "You can sleep on my couch." My brother told me _____
- 22 "I will pay for the dinner." Mary's boyfriend said _____
- 23 "The trip has been cancelled." The tour guide informed us _____
- 24 "You should eat more slowly." She told him _____
- 25 "I think you are behaving like a child." Tom told Mary _____
- 26 "It is out of the question." She said _____
- 27 "I really like you." He told me _____
- 28 "You can use my computer." My colleague told me _____
- 29 "It will probably rain." My sister said _____
- 30 "I have seen the picture before." Mary said _____

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- 26 "It is out of the question." She said **(that) it was out of the question.**
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- 28 "You can use my computer." My colleague told me **(that) I could use his computer.**
- 29 "It will probably rain." My sister said **(that) it would probably rain.**
- 30 "I have seen the picture before." Mary said **(that) she had seen the picture before.**

The original reported speech sentences come from www.tatoeba.org.
Some of them have been slightly changed for the purposes of this exercise.