

REPORTED SPEECH 2

Change the direct speech into reported speech.

- 1 "I bought a used car." He said _____
- 2 "I'm going to Italy." Jane said _____
- 3 "I'm afraid that Mary might kill me." Tom told me _____
- 4 "We may be able to do that." They said _____
- 5 "I love you too." His girlfriend told him _____
- 6 "I would like to see you tomorrow." He told me _____
- 7 "Everything will turn out well." He said _____
- 8 "I have never been to Boston." Tom said _____
- 9 "We might agree to do that." They told us _____
- 10 "Tom wouldn't enjoy that movie." Mary said _____
- 11 "No one can help me." She said _____
- 12 "My wallet has been stolen." My brother told me _____
- 13 "I'm hungry." He said _____
- 14 "You should study harder." The teacher told us _____
- 15 "I'm planning to go on a cycling trip." Fred told us _____
- 16 "I arrived there in the morning." Mary said _____
- 17 "Nobody asked me to do that." My colleague said _____
- 18 "I can handle it." Tom said _____
- 19 "I have never loved Tom." Mary told us _____
- 20 "You could use my car." His father told him _____
- 21 "You should leave." Tom told me _____
- 22 "I'm teaching French." Mrs Jones told us _____
- 23 "You're pretty." He told me _____
- 24 "I may go to Boston in a week or two." Mary said _____
- 25 "I will be back soon." The guide told us _____
- 26 "I can swim well." The boy told us _____
- 27 "Something terrible has happened to Mary." She said _____
- 28 "It will never work." Tom told us _____
- 29 "It is a sign of weakness." He said _____
- 30 "We are leaving." They informed us _____

KEY

- 1 "I bought a used car." He said **(that) he had bought a used car.**
- 2 "I'm going to Italy." Jane said **(that) she was going to Italy.**
- 3 "I'm afraid that Mary might kill me." Tom told me **(that) he was afraid that Mary might kill him.**
- 4 "We may be able to do that." They said **(that) they might be able to do that.**
- 5 "I love you too." His girlfriend told him **(that) she loved him too.**
- 6 "I would like to see you soon." **He told me (that) he would like to see me soon.**
- 7 "Everything will turn out well." He said **(that) everything would turn out well.**
- 8 "I have never been to Boston." Tom said **(that) he had never been to Boston.**
- 9 "We might agree to do that." They told us **(that) they might agree to do that.**
- 10 "Tom wouldn't enjoy that movie." Mary said **(that) Tom wouldn't enjoy that movie.**
- 11 "No one can help me." She said **(that) no one could help her.**
- 12 "My wallet has been stolen." My brother told me **(that) his wallet had been stolen.**
- 13 "I'm hungry." He said **(that) he was hungry.**
- 14 "You should study harder." The teacher told us **(that) we should study harder. / The teacher told us to study harder.**
- 15 "I'm planning to go on a cycling trip." Fred told us **(that) he was planning to go on a cycling trip.**
- 16 "I arrived there in the morning." Mary said **(that) she had arrived there in the morning.**
- 17 "Nobody asked me to do that." My colleague said **(that) nobody had asked him to do that.**
- 18 "I can handle it." **Tom said (that) he could handle it.**
- 19 "I have never loved Tom." Mary told us **(that) she had never loved Tom.**
- 20 "You could use my car." His father told him **(that) he could use his car.**
- 21 "You should leave." Tom told me **(that) I should leave. / Tom told me to leave.**
- 22 "I'm teaching French." Mrs Jones told us **(that) she was teaching French.**
- 23 "You're pretty." He told me **(that) I was pretty.**
- 24 "I may go to Boston in a week or two." Mary said **(that) she might go to Boston in a week or two.**
- 25 "I will be back soon." The guide told us **(that) he / she would be back soon.**
- 26 "I can swim well." The boy told us **(that) he could swim well.**
- 27 "Something terrible has happened to Mary." She said **(that) something terrible had happened to Mary.**
- 28 "It will never work." Tom told us **(that) it would never work.**
- 29 "It is a sign of weakness." He said **(that) it was a sign of weakness.**
- 30 "We are leaving." They informed us **(that) they were leaving.**

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