

**EXERCISES ON REPORTED SPEECH:** Change the following into Reported Speech. Use the correct introductory verb:

**A) STATEMENTS:**

1. "I have something to show you", I said to her.
2. "Nothing grows in my garden. It never gets any sun", she said.
3. "I'm going away tomorrow, mother", he said.
4. "I've been in London for a month but I haven't had time to visit the Tower", said Rupert.
5. "The new underpass is being officially opened next Monday", said the BBC announcer.
6. "It isn't so foggy today as it was yesterday", I remarked.
7. "We have a lift but very often it doesn't work", they said.
8. "From one of the windows of my flat I can see the Eiffel Tower", he said.
9. "I've no idea what the time is but I'll dial 8081 and find out", said his daughter.
10. "I'll come with you as soon as I am ready", she replied.
11. "I have a German lesson this afternoon and I haven't done my homework yet", said the small boy.
12. "If you let the iron get too hot you will scorch your clothes", I warned her.

**B) QUESTIONS:**

1. "What country do you come from?", Bill asked me.
2. "How long have you been here?", Ann said to him.
3. "Are you working as well as studying?", Peter asked Ann.
4. "Where were you two days ago, Mr Jones?", he said.
5. "What are you going to study?", Ann asked me.
6. "Have you enrolled for more than one class?", Peter asked her.
7. "Do you want to buy any second-hand books?", Bill asked me.
8. "Have you seen the library, Paul?", said Ann.
9. "Do you play rugby?", Peter said to me.
10. "Did they understand what you said to them?", he asked me.
11. "Who owns this revolver?", said the detective.
12. "Who put salt in my coffee?", he asked.

**C) MODALS:**

1. "How can I tell Tom the bad news?", she said.
2. "You must try my home-made pie", he said.
3. "Can I go home now?", he asked.
4. "May I call you by your first name?", he said to her.
5. "What time will we arrive in London?", he asked.
6. "She must try harder if she wants to succeed", he said.
7. "My father will be angry with me if he finds out", she said.
8. "You ought not to drive so fast", he said to her.
9. "They don't have to come if they don't feel like it", he said.
10. "You had better speak to the manager", she said to him.
11. "I may not be able to meet you at the airport", he said to her.

## **D) COMMANDS AND REQUESTS:**

1. "Open the safe!", the robbers said to the bank clerk.
2. "Please, do what I'm telling you", he begged me.
3. "Can you help your mum, Peter", Mr Pitt said.
4. "Don't make too much noise, children", he said.
5. "Do whatever you like", she said to us.
6. "Don't miss your train", she said to them.
7. "Read it before you sign it", he said to his client.
8. "Don't argue with me", the teacher said to the boy.
9. "Could you make a list of what you want, Mr. Brown", she said.
10. "Please, please, put down that gun. It's loaded", she said to him.
11. "Trust me. I'm an honest person", he said to his friend.
12. "Can you leave this space clear, please?", she said.

## **E) MIXED:**

1. "You should take more exercise", the doctor said to me.
2. "This film is boring", he said to his mother.
3. "Please, please let me go out to play, mum", she said.
4. "Shall I carry your shopping for you?", he said to her.
5. "Don't get dirty in the garden", she said to Jane.
6. "I'm not going to tidy Helen's bedroom", Tim said.
7. "When is your birthday?", I said to Tom.
8. "I didn't eat the cake", he said to her.
9. "Let's go to Jamaica for our holiday", he said to her.
10. "I'm sorry I didn't write to you", she said to him.
11. "Yes, this is a nice colour", the sales assistant said to her.
12. He said, "Don't walk on the ice, Bill. It isn't safe".
13. "If you don't pay the ransom, we'll kill the boy", said the kidnappers.
14. "I won't answer any questions", said the arrested man.
15. "Hurrah! I've passed the first exam!", he said.
16. "All right, I'll wait a week", she said.
17. "Can I help you with these bags?", he said to me.
18. "I'll wait for you, I promise", he said to me.
19. "No, Anna. I'm not letting you go out tonight", her mum said.
20. "I'll drop you from the team if you don't train harder", said the captain.
21. "Can you lend me your car, please, Mary", Peter said.
22. "I will never leave you", he said.
23. "What about taking the dog for a walk?", he said.