



THE REPORTED SPEECH

Exercise 1:

Choose the best way to complete the sentences below:

1. Please tell me

A where is the bus stop.

B where the bus stop be.

C where stops the bus.

D where the bus stop is.

2. I think

A the meeting will be on time.

B the meeting to be on time.

C will be the meeting on time.

D it will be on time the meeting.

3. We didn't know

A what he mean.

B what did he mean.

C what did he meant.

D what he meant.

4. She asked me

A what my phone number was.

B what was my phone number.

C what is my phone number.

D what my phone number.

Exercise 2:

Match the beginnings and the ends of the sentences. Pay attention to the uses of tenses.

Beginnings	Ends
Hundreds of years ago, people believed	(that) he had discovered India.
In 1918, people hoped	(that) the earth was flat.
My English teacher said	(that) he would never be a scientist.
When Columbus got to America, he thought	(that) William Shakespeare was the best playwright in the world.
Einstein's school teacher told him	(that) there wouldn't be anymore wars in Europe.





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Exercise 3:

Rewrite the sentences in the reported speech, changing tenses and pronouns.

Example : JOE: "I'm tired!" *Joe said (that) he **was** tired*

A. MIKE: "My new job will start in June."

B. HELEN: "My neighbours are travelling."

C. TOM: "I drove to the hospital."

D. MARY: "I have to phone the dentist."

Exercise 4:

Choose the best way to complete the sentences below:

1. Meg: "I went dancing." Phil: "Meg said (that) she ____ dancing."

- A will go
- B went
- C have gone
- D had gone

2. Meg: "I love Brighton." Phil: "Meg said (that) she ____ Brighton."

- A would love
- B loves
- C loved
- D loving

3. Meg: "I will go to the cinema." Phil: "Meg said (that) she ____ go to the cinema."

- A will go
- B goes
- C went
- D would go

4. Meg: "I don't like cauliflower." Phil: "Meg said (that) she ____ like cauliflower."

- A will
- B didn't
- C doesn't
- D don't

5. Meg: "I have moved 3 times." Phil: "Meg said (that) she ____ 3 times."

- A is moving
- B has moved
- C moved
- D had moved

