

1 Rewrite the following in reported speech.

1 Daniel said, "I am ill." Daniel said that _____ ill.

2 Achi said, "I've just bought a house." Achi said that _____ a house.

3 Martin said, "I'm going on holiday tomorrow." Martin said that he _____ on holiday tomorrow.

4 George said, "I can call her." George said that he _____ her.

5 Nasser said, "Sean doesn't have time tomorrow." Nasser said that Sean _____ time tomorrow.

6 Seb said, "It'll be tough." Seb said that it _____ tough.

7 Galya said, "I've been looking for you." Galya said that he _____ for me.

8 Brian said, "I won't be there." Brian said he _____ there.

2 Choose the correct reporting verb and finish the reported speech for each example.

TOLD SAID ADVISED WARNED SUGGESTED ASKED OFFERED ORDERED

"I'd go and see a doctor if I were you."

Sam _____.

"Can you come and help me with this box?"

Julian _____.

"This is an exam Mr. Jenkins!! Shut up now!!!"

The headmaster _____.

"That road is very dangerous so just be very careful!"

His father _____.

"Liverpool won the match last night."

The street hooligan _____.

"Why don't we go and see that new film at the cinema."

Bill _____.

"I can come and look after the children tomorrow night."

Yaroslav _____.

"The lesson starts at six o'clock in the evening."

The senior teacher _____.

Problem solving

3 Think of a solution to each problem. Use different grammar constructions for giving advice/solving a problem.

<p>1. A mother thinks that a child at the community recreation centre is bullying her child, but the coaches and centre staff have never seen it happen.</p>	
<p>2. It's Monday night and the library is closed. Sam's books were due on Monday, and the return slot is backed up with books.</p>	
<p>3. Tim's street has a pothole that is gradually increasing in size. He's unsure of what to do about it.</p>	
<p>4. Kate is studying English and computer technology at the local community college, and she wants to get work experience that can go on her resume. She can't work full time and go to school, and the part-time jobs she has found are all in food service. She doesn't think they'd be helpful on her resume. She's having a hard time figuring out what to do.</p>	
<p>5. Olya recently moved to Barcelona, and she's new to the bus system. She has been waiting at the bus stop, on a busy street, for an hour for a bus that is supposed to come twice an hour. It's getting dark and it looks like it may rain. She's not sure what to do.</p>	
<p>6. Two months ago three young men moved next door to Rosa and her children. The men stay up late, play loud music and have lots of parties. The walls of the building are thin and Rosa and her children can't sleep because their neighbours make so much noise. She is afraid to knock on their door and complain to them because they drink a lot and are not very polite. Rosa called the landlord, but he didn't do anything. Rosa is very unhappy. She is always tired when she wakes up in the morning. She doesn't want to move because the apartment is near her children's school, hear the bus stop, and hear her job. What can she do?</p>	

ANSWERS:**1**

1. Correct answer: he was
2. Correct answer: he'd just bought
3. Correct answer: was going
4. Correct answer: could call
5. Correct answer: didn't have
6. Correct answer: would be
7. Correct answer: had been looking
8. Correct answer: wouldn't be

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1. "I'd go and see a doctor if I were you."
Sam advised seeing a doctor./ Sam advised me to see a doctor.
2. "Can you come and help me with this box?"
Julian asked if I can come and help him with that box.
3. "This is an exam Mr. Jenkins!! Shut up now!!!"
The headmaster ordered to shut up.
4. "That road is very dangerous so just be very careful!"
His father warned me to be careful on the road./ His father warned me (that) the road was very dangerous and I had to be careful.
5. "Liverpool won the match last night."
The street hooligan told me (that) Liverpool had won the match the previous night.
6. "Why don't we go and see that new film at the cinema."
Bill suggested going to see that new film at the cinema.
7. "I can come and look after the children tomorrow night."
Yaroslav offered that he could come and look after the children the next/following day.
8. "The lesson starts at six o'clock in the evening."
The senior teacher said (that) the lesson starts at six o'clock in the evening – no shift in the tense because we are talking about a fact which is usually true.

LINKS:

<http://youtu.be/BKorP55Aqvg>

<http://youtu.be/B7MIJP90biM>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Solve-a-Problem>

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/glennllouis/2013/11/04/the-4-most-effective-ways-leaders-solve-problems/>