

B class/ REPORTED SPEECH EXERCISES

A. Fill in the gaps with SAY or TELL in the correct form

"Tell me a story, Dad," the little boy to his father. "Well, first you have to good night to your mum," the father. "Now, me, do you remember that story I you long ago about the little mermaid?". The boy yes. "Well, the father, tonight I am going to you another story by Andersen." I love Andersen's fairy tales," the boy and gave him a big hug.

B. Turn the following sentences into reported speech.

1. "I'm thinking of buying a new house," she said.
2. "He was practicing the violin all day," she said.
3. "I like listening to jazz music," she said.
4. "I will be a dancer one day," the little girl said.
5. "The sun sets in the west," she said.
6. "Breakfast is ready," Mum says.
7. "If I were rich, I'd buy a new villa", she said.
8. "I'm starting a new job next week," she said.
9. "I've already read this book," she said.
10. "I don't like riding a bike in heavy traffic," she said.

C. Turn the following sentences into reported speech

1. He said: "She can start work on Monday."
2. He said: "I may go to University to study medicine."
3. He said: "Pete must study harder."
4. He said: "Your son must be intelligent to have achieved such high grades."
5. He said: "She needn't go to school today."
6. He said: "She needn't attend the meeting tomorrow."

7. He said: "They should exercise more."
8. He said: "Shall I make some tea?"

D. Interview with a pilot. Turn the questions into reported questions using ask as the reporting verb.

1. "Why did you decide to become a pilot?"
2. "Where did you do your training?"
3. "How often do you travel during the week?"
4. "Do you enjoy travelling so often?"
5. "Is your job well paid?"
6. "Are you planning to do something different in the future?"

**E. Choose a reporting verb and report the sentences using that verb
INSIST, REMARK, ACCUSE, REMIND, WARN, DENY, SUGGEST, ADVISE,
OFFER, BOAST**

1. She said: "I didn't break the window!"
2. She said: "You should keep your bags with you at all times"
3. She said: "Don't forget to book the tickets in advance"
4. She said: "Be careful of muggers in the city centre"
5. She said: "I can help you with the wedding preparations"
6. She said: "You must rest before the exam"
7. She said: "Miranda broke the computer"
8. She said: "She writes beautifully"
9. She said: "Let's go for a walk in the park"
10. She said: "I am the fastest athlete in the school".