Direct and Reported Speech

Reported speech:

* doesn’t use speech marks
* changes pronouns, and often changes word order
* usually starts by telling you who spoke
* often uses “that…” – but you do not have to

**Part A:**

Now use these rules to turn the following short sentences into reported speech.

1. “I am going to ride my bike later,” said Paul.

Paul said he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Katie announced, “My dog Lucy has just had puppies!”

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Sometimes you need to add a connective so that your reported speech makes sense:

1. “Make sure you put on suncream, Tim,” said Mum, “it’s a hot day.”

Mum told Tim to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. “Dad,” asked Tom, “what is that big box for?”

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1. “I will pay you back next week, Beth,” Adam promised.

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Sometimes you need a different verb:

1. “See this, Joe?” Olivia called proudly, “it’s the birthday present my grandma gave me.”

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**Part B *Converting direct to reported speech***

Turn this dialogue into reported speech.

“We’re in an awful situation,” Tom moaned.

“I agree,” said Alice, “but I know of someone who may be able to help us.”

“Who is it?” Tom asked eagerly.

“I’m not sure I can tell you,” Alice replied.

“You can trust me,” said Tom. “I’ll be really careful.”

“Stay quiet and let me think,” Alice ordered.

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