FCE Reported Speech

1 Underline the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

a) Helen asked me if I liked visiting old buildings.

*Do you like/Did you like* visiting old buildings?' asked Helen.

b) Bill asked Mary if she had done anything the previous weekend.

*'Have you done /Did you do* anything last weekend?'

c) The policeman asked me if the car belonged to me.

*'Does/Did* this car belong to you?' asked the policeman.

d) Fiona asked me if I had seen her umbrella anywhere.

*'Did you see/Have you seen* my umbrella anywhere?' asked Fiona.

e) Joe asked Tina when she would get back.

'When *will you get/have you got* back?' asked Joe.

f) Eddie asked Steve who he had been to the cinema with.

'Who *did you go/had you been* to the cinema with?' asked Eddie.

g) My parents asked me what time I had got home the night before.

'What time *did you get/have you got* home last night?' my parents asked.

h) David asked a passer-by if it was the right road for Hastings.

*'Is/Was* this the right road for Hastings?' asked David.

2 Rewrite each sentence as direct speech.

a) Graham told Ian he would see him the following day.

***..I'll see you tomorrow, Ian,' said Graham.***

b) Pauline told the children their swimming things were not there.

c) David told me my letter had arrived the day before.

d) Shirley told Larry she would see him that evening.

e) Bill told Stephen he hadn't been at home that morning.

f) Margaret told John to phone her on the following day.

g) Tim told Ron he was leaving that afternoon.

h) Christine told Michael she had lost her lighter the night before.

3 Rewrite each sentence as indirect speech, beginning as shown.

a) 'You can't park here.'

The police officer told Jack ***that he couldn´t park there.***

b) 'I'll see you in the morning, Helen.'

Peter told Helen

c) 'I'm taking the 5.30 train tomorrow evening.'

Janet said

d) 'The trousers have to be ready this afternoon.'

Paul told the dry-cleaners

e) 'I left my umbrella here two days ago.'

Susan told them

f) 'The parcel ought to be here by the end of next week.'

Brian said

g) 'I like this hotel very much.'

Diana told me

h) 'I think it's going to rain tonight.'

William said

4 Rewrite each question in indirect speech, beginning as shown.

a) 'What time does the film start, Peter?'

I asked ***Peter what time the film started.***

b) 'Do you watch television every evening, Chris?'

The interviewer asked

c) 'Why did you apply for this job?' asked the sales manager.

The sales manager asked me

d) 'Are you taking much money with you to France?'

My bank manager wanted to know

e) 'When will I know the results of the examination?'

Maria asked the examiner

f) 'Are you enjoying your flight?'

The flight attendant asked me

g) 'How does the photocopier work?'

I asked the salesman

h) 'Have you ever been to Japan, Paul?'

Sue asked Paul

5 Complete the sentences. Use the number of words given in brackets.

a) 'Do you think you could possibly tell me what the time is?'

David asked me ***to tell him the time.*** *(five words)*

b) 'Excuse me, but I wonder if you'd mind opening the window.'

The man sitting next to me asked me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.(four words)

c) 'You go down this street, turn left, then take the second turning on the right The cinema is just down the street on the left.'

A passer-by told me how \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (five words)

d) 'I want to know how much this bike costs. Can you tell me?'

John asked how\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (four words)

e) 'Look, don't worry, I'll help you if you like.'

Sue said she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (three words)

f) 'All right, I tell you what, the car's yours for £500.'

The salesman said I could \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (five words )

g) T hope you don't mind my saying this, but you're being a bit silly aren't you?'

Peter told me I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(five words)

h) 'It doesn't look as if I'll be arriving until after eight, I'm afraid.'

Jane said she probably \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(five words )

6 Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

a) What time does the next boat leave?

Do you think you could tell me ***what time the next boat leaves***

b) Where can I change some money?

Can you tell me

c) Where is the toilet?

Could you possibly tell me

d) How much does this pullover cost?

I'd like to know

e) How do I get to Victoria Station?

Can you explain

f) Does this train go to Gatwick Airport?

Could you tell me

g) Where do you come from?

Would you mind telling me

h) What do you think of London?

Do you think you could tell me

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