

GRAMMAR TIME - REPORTED SPEECH

1

Write in the forms for reported speech:

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| 1 he buys | <u>he bought</u> | 6 will leave | she _____ |
| 2 closed | they _____ | 7 is going to make | it _____ |
| 3 can | I _____ | 8 go | you _____ |
| 4 are | we _____ | 9 has drunk | he _____ |
| 5 were | they _____ | 10 have | I _____ |

Complete the sentences with the following phrases:

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- A. a strawberry was a vegetable
- B. she was moving house soon.
- C. he had left his phone on my desk
- D. the flight was cancelled
- E. he could use the computer
- F. the match had been cancelled
- G. she was the right person for the job

1. I thought _____, but I was wrong.
2. He said that _____, but he can't find it now.
3. I told her that _____, but she refused.
4. Sue lives next door to me, but she told me _____
5. It was announced today that _____
6. We were informed at the airport that _____
7. Dad told the manager that _____

3

Write the sentences from exercise 2 in direct speech.

- A) "A strawberry _____, " I thought.
- B) "I _____, " Sue said.
- C) "I _____, " he said.
- D) "The flight _____, " they informed us at the airport.
- E) "I _____, " Dad told the manager.
- F) "The match _____, " they announced.
- G) "You _____, " I told her.

4

Write sentences.

- 1) "I have read this book," she said.
She said that she had read the book.
- 2) "We did not see her," my mother said.

- 3) "I will text you," she promised.

- 4) "They are going to sell their car," my brother told me.

- 5) "The sunglasses are too expensive," she said.

- 6) "I haven't done my homework," he told me.

- 7) "They can buy tickets for the concert," she informed me.

- 8) "Somebody stole my umbrella," she complained.

- 9) "Thomas will pass his exam," she said.

- 10) "They are watching TV," he said.

- 11) "He likes the Beatles," she said.

- 12) "I have never been to Italy," she said.

- 13) "I cannot swim," he informed me.

- 14) "She is getting divorced soon," she told me.

- 15) "We flew a kite on Saturday," my son said.

- 16) "He has got a car," I said.

KEY

Exercise 1

1 buy	<i>he bought</i> _____	6 leave	she <u>would leave</u>
2 close	they <u>had closed</u>	7 make	it <u>was going to make</u>
3 break	I <u>could</u>	8 go	you <u>went</u>
4 eat	we <u>were</u>	9 drink	he <u>had drunk</u>
5 play	they <u>had been</u>	10 see	I <u>had</u>

Exercise 2 -

2. A
3. C
4. G
5. B
6. F
7. D
8. E

Exercise 3

- A) "A strawberry is a vegetable," I thought.
- B) "I am moving house soon," Sue said.
- C) "I have left my phone on your desk," he said.
- D) "The flight is cancelled," they informed us at the airport.
- E) "I can use the computer," Dad told the manager.
- F) "The match has been cancelled," they announced.
- G) "You are the right person for the job," I told her.

Exercise 4

2. My mother said that they had not seen her.
3. She promised that she would text me.
4. My brother told me that they were going to sell their car.
5. She said that the sunglasses were too expensive.
6. He told me that he hadn't done his homework.
7. She informed me that they could buy tickets for the concert.
8. She complained that someone had stolen her umbrella.
9. She said that Thomas would pass his exam.
10. He said that they were watching TV.
11. She said that he liked the Beatles.
12. She said that she had never been to Italy.
13. He informed me that he couldn't swim.
14. She told me that she was getting divorced soon.
15. My son said that we had flown a kite on Saturday.
16. I said he had (got) a car.