

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.

Vince Lombardi



Individual Gr.-Test

Expert Topic: Reported Speech
+ parts of other fields

Name:

I Fill in the blanks in the following sentences so that the first sentence (a) means the same as the second sentence (b). You may use 1, 2 or 3 words to rephrase. (15 P)

- a) "I can never find a good pair of jeans", said Gill.
b) Gill said she *could never find* a good pair of jeans.
- a) "I have left some food in the pot", said Sue.
b) Sue said she *had left* some food in the pot.
- a) "I do not want to go to work", said Fiona.
b) Fiona said she *did not want* to go to work.
- a) "I am enjoying my new job", said Claire.
b) Claire said she *was enjoying her* new job.
- a) She said Paula wanted to leave.
b) She said: "Paula *wants* to leave."
- a) He said Peter would go to the party.
b) He said: "Peter *will go* to the party."
- a) "The car has broken down", said Steve.
b) Steve said the car *had broken* down.
- a) "I will try to be there on time", said Louisa.
b) Louisa said she *would try* to be there on time.
- a) "We are happy in the new house", said Corinne.
b) Corinne said they *were* happy in the new house.
- a) Sam said John was studying in England.
b) Sam said: "John *is studying* in England."

II Indirect Questions: transfer from direct to indirect. For every additional reporting verb which is not "asked" + 1/2 P! / Change adverbials, too. (12 P)

- Exs.: "What are you doing tonight?" He asked what I was doing that night.
- "What have you been doing today?" She wondered what I had been doing that day.
- "What did you do yesterday?" She inquired what I had done the previous day.
- "What will you do tomorrow?" She was curious to know what I would do the following day.
- "Would you like to go skiing this weekend?" She proposed going skiing that weekend.
- "Do you like this place?" She doubted that I liked that place.
- "Could you do some homework for next week?" The teacher asked us to do some homework for the following week. (in a polite way).

III Choose the best (most grammatically correct) response:

(7 P)

1. "My grandfather is going to cook dinner for us".

She told me that her grandfather _____ dinner for us.

- would cook
- would be cooking
- cook

2. "I ~~love~~ ^{loved} him very much".

My sister told me that she _____ him very much.

- was loving
- loved
- would love

3. "Marta is learning Vietnamese".

He told me that Marta _____ Vietnamese.

- will learn
- learns
- was learning

4. "Yeah, I've been to Greece".

My friend told me that he _____ to Greece.

- been
- had been
- was

5. "I'll talk to the general about this".

The colonel said that he _____ to the general about this.

- would talk
- will talk
- talked

6. "Tell me your name".

She asked me _____ her my name.

- tell
- to tell
- told

7. "I run a successful design studio".

Victor told the man that he _____ a successful design studio.

- running
- was running
- ran

You can do it! :-)