

## Reported Speech - Exercises

### A. Statements

1. When I was a child, a friend of my father's told me that.... (*"I take a cold bath every morning."*)
2. Just before the plane took off, Mary told Peter that... (*"I'm feeling rather frightened."*)
3. There was a knock on the door and in came a man who said that... (*"I'm a detective."*)
4. When John got home from the office, his wife told him that... (*"I've got a surprise for you."*)
5. When he was a child, Harry used to tell everybody that... (*"I want to be a doctor when I grow up."*)
6. The last time I saw Mary, she said that... (*"You're not looking very well."*)
7. Tom rang up this afternoon to say that... (*"I'll come round at about seven."*), but he still hasn't come.
8. Several years ago a fortune teller told Joan that... (*"You'll marry a rich man and have a large family."*)
9. The tailor told me that... (*"Your suit will be ready on Saturday."*) That was three days ago, and it still isn't ready.
10. Bill was delighted with his birthday present. He said that... (*"I've always wanted a gold watch."*)
11. When I rang you up in the office, I was told that... (*"She's just left."*)
12. I was so surprised when John said that... (*"I haven't read 'Oliver Twist'."*) that I lent him my copy at once.

### B. Questions

1. When George came home from work, he asked Mary.... (*"Why isn't my supper ready?"*)
2. Of course they were surprised that you weren't there. Someone asked.... (*"Is she ill?"*)
3. Harry did not know what to say when he was asked to explain ... (*"What have you done with all the money?"*)
4. They did not take any chances the next time. They rang up the station to find out... (*"What time does the train leave?"*)
5. The customs officer asked me.... (*"Have you anything to declare?"*)
6. It was the third time the waiter asked me.... (*"Would you like tea or coffee?"*)
7. Mary liked Ann's hat so much she asked her... (*"Where did you buy it?"*)
8. I knew the clock was right because I had just rung up to ask... (*"What's the correct time?"*)