

# GRAMMAR DRILL

## DIRECT AND REPORTED SPEECH

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### 1 Write D (Direct Speech) or R (Reported Speech).

- Laura said that she wanted new shoes. R
- She said, "I don't want to go to the party." D
- Oliver told us not to wait for him. R
- George said, "I will finish the next book in a year." D
- He asked, "Could you bring soap for the experiment tomorrow?" D
- "Did you bring the milk and eggs?", asked my mother. D
- Susana told us not to play in the chemistry laboratory. R

### 2 Underline the phrases in direct speech and circle the phrases in reported speech.

Sandra: The other day, Mrs. Olivia said that the exam was going to be difficult, do you believe her?

Mario: I don't know. She also said that if we studied, we would pass.

Sandra: I know, but she literally said, "This exam will be harder than the last one," and I failed the last one.

Mario: Don't worry, she told me, "Study from the guide, and last month's topics."

Sandra: That's great!

Mario: Yes, she said, "Study the simple present and simple past, your irregular verbs, and what we saw last month."

Sandra: Wow! That's a lot. But I'm glad she told you to study from the guide and the topics.

### 3 Circle the correct answer.

- Last Friday she said she was / is part of the new summer play.
- Yesterday he asked / asks me if I could help him with grammar.
- Mr. López said, "Don't run" / ran in the hallways!"
- My mother always told / tells me to work hard for my dreams.
- My parents asked / told, "Doctor, is our little boy going to be okay?"
- Miss García told me to bring / brought the homework tomorrow and she would grade it.
- "The practice starts at 10:00 o'clock. Don't be late," said / asked my coach.

### 4 Match the columns.

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| 1 She said she wanted a chocolate.                | a He said, "I work in a hospital."               |
| 2 They asked me to work with them.                | b "Can you pick up my bicycle?"                  |
| 3 My father told me to take care of my sister.    | c She said, "I want a chocolate."                |
| 4 He said he worked in a hospital.                | d My father told me, "Take care of your sister." |
| 5 He said that he knew my brother.                | e They asked, "Do you want to work with us?"     |
| 6 Leticia said that she wanted to go to the mall. | f He said, "I know your brother."                |
| 7 Alex asked me to pick up his bicycle.           | g She said, "I want to go to the mall."          |

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### 5 Rewrite the sentences with the correct punctuation.

1 My aunt asked me, Carlos, do you know how to use an app?

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2 Miss Rodríguez said, "You can go to the library to look for information"

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3 My friend said "Please invite everyone to the fair."

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4 Elena said, that she ran a marathon last weekend.

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5 "Fabián, could you pass me the salt, please"?

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2 He asked me if it was the first time I visited Mérida. (direct)

He asked, "Is it the first time that you visit Mérida?"

3 My brother told me that he wanted to go to the movies. (direct)

My brother told me, "I want to go to the movies."

4 Miss Lola said, "Please bring the finished exercise tomorrow." (reported)

Miss Lola said to please bring the finished exercise tomorrow.

5 "I want to speak to the manager, please," she said. (reported)

She said that she wanted to speak to the manager.

6 José said that he did his homework after basketball practice. (direct)

José said, "I do my homework after basketball practice."

### 6 Check (✓) the sentences that are correct.

1 "Hand over all the money!" say the thief.

2 She said that the cake would be ready in five minutes.

3 My teacher told us to choose our teammates.

4 "Yes!" she exclaims, "I saw him just five minutes ago."

5 Last month I tell my brother that I would buy the tickets for the theater.

6 My teacher said she wanted our projects next week.

7 Hugo asks, "Can you help me study for the English exam"?

### 7 Rewrite the sentences to create direct or reported speech.

1 She said, "You don't have to worry anymore." (reported)

She said that I didn't have to worry anymore.

### 8 Complete the sentences with your own ideas, using the cues.

1 My teacher said, "..."

Students' own answers.

2 My father asked me...

Students' own answers.

3 My best friend said that...

Students' own answers.

4 "... " she said.

Students' own answers.

5 He asked, "..."

Students' own answers.

6 They told me...

Students' own answers.

7 My brother / sister said, "..."

Students' own answers.