

GRAMMAR DRILL

DIRECT AND REPORTED SPEECH

NAME: _____

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

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

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.

- 1 Last Friday she said she *was* / *is* part of the new summer play.
- 2 Yesterday he *asked* / *asks* me if I could help him with grammar.
- 3 Mr. López said, "*Don't run* / *ran* in the hallways!"
- 4 My mother always *told* / *tells* me to work hard for my dreams.
- 5 My parents *asked* / *told*, "Doctor, is our little boy going to be okay?"
- 6 Miss García told me *to bring* / *brought* the homework tomorrow and she would grade it.
- 7 "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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

1 My teacher said, "..."

2 My father asked me...

3 My best friend said that...

4 "... " she said.

5 He asked, "..."

6 They told me...

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