7.4 Reported Speech: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions in the spaces provided. Write in full sentences where asked.

The Museum Trip Mix-up

Source written for Revision Library (original, copyright-free). Written specifically for this worksheet as a short narrative mixing direct and reported speech for grammar practice.

Mr Ahmed counted the group for the third time. 'We are missing two people,' he said, frowning at his clipboard.

'Isn't Zak still by the gift shop?' asked Leah, glancing back towards the entrance.

Mr Ahmed sighed and told the group that they would have to wait five more minutes. 'If they are not here by half past ten, the coach will leave without them,' he warned.

A few moments later, Zak came jogging across the courtyard with Priya close behind. 'We got completely lost near the dinosaur gallery,' Zak explained, still out of breath.

'I am so sorry,' Priya added. 'We will not wander off again.'

Mr Ahmed smiled with relief and said that he was just glad they were both safe.

1 Look again at the source text 'The Museum Trip Mix-up'. For each sentence below, identify whether it is DIRECT speech (the speaker's exact words, marked with inverted commas) or REPORTED speech (the speaker's words retold by the narrator, without inverted commas).

(a) 'We are missing two people,' he said. **(1)**

(b) Mr Ahmed sighed and told the group that they would have to wait five more minutes. **(1)**

(c) 'We got completely lost near the dinosaur gallery,' Zak explained. **(1)**

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(d) Mr Ahmed smiled with relief and said that he was just glad they were both safe. **(1)**

2 Convert this direct command into reported speech, beginning with the words given: 'Please tidy your books away,' said the teacher. The teacher told the class ...

(2)

3 This sentence is reported speech: 'Zak explained that he was lost near the dinosaur gallery.' Convert it back into what Zak actually said, using correct direct speech punctuation.

(3)

4 Identify and correct the error in this reported sentence: 'Leah said that she is tired.'

(2)

5 Identify and correct the error in this reported sentence: 'Zak told he was lost.'

(2)

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Question 1

(a) direct speech **B1**

(a) Answer: **Direct speech**

(b) reported speech **B1**

(b) Answer: **Reported speech**

(c) direct speech **B1**

(c) Answer: **Direct speech**

(d) reported speech **B1**

(d) Answer: **Reported speech**

Question 2

reported command uses the infinitive form 'to tidy', with no 'that' clause and 'please' dropped **B1**

pronoun correctly changed from 'your' to 'their', cao **B1**

Answer: **The teacher told the class to tidy their books away.**

Question 3

pronoun correctly changed back from 'he' to 'I' **B1**

tense correctly changed back from 'was' to 'am' (undoing the backshift) **B1**

correct direct speech punctuation: opening and closing inverted commas around the exact words, comma before the reporting clause, cao **B1**

Answer: **"I am lost near the dinosaur gallery," Zak explained.**

Question 4

identifies that the tense has not been backshifted ('is' should not stay in the present tense) **B1**

correct rewrite: Leah said that she was tired, cao **B1**

Answer: **Leah said that she was tired.**

Question 5

identifies that 'told' cannot be followed directly by 'that' or a clause without naming who was told **B1**

correct rewrite: Zak said that he was lost (oe Zak told us that he was lost), cao **B1**

Answer: **Zak said that he was lost.**

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