

Homework

Reported Statements

A. Underline the correct word in each sentence.

1. He *said* / *told* me he was tired.
2. She *said* / *told* she wasn't hungry.
3. Tom *mentioned* / *told* that he was going on holiday.
4. Alice *informed* / *said* me that she would be absent the following week.
5. Mother *says* / *tells* that putting your elbows on the table is bad manners.

B. Change the direct statements to reported speech by completing the sentences on the right.

1. "I don't want a coffee." She said
2. "I am looking for a new job." He mentioned
3. "I will call them later." She told me
4. "I am not feeling well." He said
5. "I would like to get a dog." Mary said
6. "I was ironing when you called." He told me
7. "I failed my test, Mum." Ed told his Mum
8. "I love you, Anna." Pete told Anna
9. "I will be back soon." Mum said
10. "You should exercise more." He told me

C. Match the sentence halves with their endings, underlining the correct words.

1. Maria *told* / *said* a. his patient that he *needed* / *should* to lose weight.
2. Gary *told* / *said* b. the pupils that their teacher *will* / *would* be late.
3. Pat and Paul *mentioned* / *told* c. me that he *have* / *had* never been to Spain before.
4. The doctor *told* / *said* d. that they *had* / *were* *having* two teenage sons.
5. The principal *informed* / *said* e. that she *be* / *was* going on holiday the next day.



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Exercise A

1. told
2. said
3. mentioned
4. informed
5. says

Exercise B

1. (that) she didn't want a coffee.
2. (that) he was looking for a new job.
3. (that) she would call them later.
4. (that) he wasn't feeling well.
5. (that) she would like to get a dog.
6. (that) he had been ironing when I called.
7. (that) he had failed his test.
8. (that) he loved her.
9. (that) she would be back soon.
10. (that) I should exercise more.

Exercise C

1. said, e, was
2. told, c, had
3. mentioned, d, had
4. told, a, needed
5. informed, b, would