Reported speech

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Exercise 1

Complete the sentences in the reported speech.

Example: I admire you. - She said she admired me.

"It is too late." - I said it ............ too late.

"I have replied." - He claimed that ........................................... .

"I met you yesterday." - Sam told me he had met me ........................................... .

"I cannot come." - Mary explained that ........................................... .

"I could fall down." - He was afraid ......................... down.

"I will pay tomorrow." - He said he would pay ............................. .

"The Himalayas are the highest." - He knew that the Himalayas .......... the highest.

"I may lend you some money." - Bill promised ........................................... some money.

"I have been watching a film." - He replied that ........................................... a film.

"Claire must rest." - The doctor said Claire ......................... .

"I have not done it today." - I explained that I had not done it ......................... .

"If I was younger, I would accept it." - He thought that if ................. younger, he would accept it.

"I was with him last week." - Jill admitted that ................................. with him the previous week.

"You needn't change your shoes in our house." - She reminded me that I ........................................... my shoes in their house.

"I am calling my mum." - She said she ......................... her mum.

"I will finish this picture tomorrow." - Jill supposed that she would finish .......... picture the next day.

"I would buy it." - She said ................................. it.

"Greg used to be my friend." - He told us Greg ............................. his friend.

See the Answer Key on the next page.
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Key with answers

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I said it was too late.

He claimed that he had replied.

Sam told me he had met me the day before | the previous day.

Mary explained that she could not come.

He was afraid he could fall down.

He said he would pay the next day | the following day.

He knew that the Himalayas are | were the highest.

Bill promised he might lend me some money.

He replied that he had been watching a film.

The doctor said Claire must rest | had to rest.

I explained that I had not done it that day.

He thought that if he was younger, he would accept it.

Jill admitted that she had been with him the previous week.

She reminded me that I needn't change | didn't have to change my shoes in their house.

She said she was calling her mum.

Jill supposed that she would finish that picture the next day.

She said she would buy it.

He told us Greg used to be his friend.