



Reporting Verbs Exercise 1

Change the direct speech into reported speech. Use the verb in brackets.

1. "Don't forget to buy milk!" said Antonio to Lucia. (remind, using infinitive)

2. "You shouldn't go into the water" said the coast guard. (advise against)

3. "I'll go to France on holiday," said John. (decide, using infinitive)

4. "I think you should go to the dentist" Julie said to Tom. (advise, using infinitive)

5. "Watch out for the weak bridge" he said. (warn, using 'about')

6. "You should apply for the job" said Jack to Stella. (encourage)

7. "Okay, Keiko can go to the party" said Keiko's mum. (agree, using clause)

8. "The class will start later on Tuesdays" said the teacher to us. (explain + clause)

9. "It's a great idea to go to the beach," said Maria. (recommend + verb-ing)

10. "Don't cross the road there" she said to the children. (warn, using infinitive)



11. "I'll make the coffee!" said David. (insist + on)

12. "I'll study really hard for the exam," said Luke. (promise + to + infinitive)

13. "This is where the station is," said Klara. (explain, using question word + clause)

14. "Right, let's buy the car in the morning!" we said. (agree + infinitive)

15. "Don't forget that Lucy needs to go to the dentist," she said to me. (remind, using clause)

16. "How about having Indian food?" I said. (suggest, using verb-ing)

17. "I'll be early" I said to my mother. (promise + clause)

18. "I'm sorry I forgot your birthday" said Amanda to me. (apologise)

19. "I'll leave at six pm!" John said. (decide + clause)

20. "This is how we use the present perfect," said Amy. (explain + question word + infinitive)



Answers

1. Antonio reminded Lucia to buy milk.
2. The coast guard advised against going into the water.
3. John decided to go to France on holiday.
4. Julie advised Tom to go to the dentist.
5. He warned us about the weak bridge.
6. Jack encouraged Stella to apply for the job.
7. Keiko's mum agreed that Keiko could go to the party.
8. The teacher explained to us that the class would start later on Tuesdays.
9. Maria recommended going to the beach.
10. She warned the children not to cross the road there.
11. David insisted on making the coffee.
12. Luke promised to study really hard for the exam.
13. Klara explained where the station was.
14. We agreed to buy the car in the morning.
15. She reminded me that Lucy needed to go to the dentist.
16. I suggested having Indian food.
17. I promised my mother that I would be early.
18. Amanda apologised for forgetting my birthday.
19. John decided that he would leave at six pm.
20. Amy explained how to use the present perfect.