

Solutions

REPORTED SPEECH - EXERCISE B

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Turn the following sentences into reported speech:

1. "Manuel wore his glasses yesterday", Mary said.

Mary said (that) Manuel had worn / 'd worn his glasses the day before / the previous day .

2. "Stop and don't do stupid things today", Paul told

Paul told to stop and not to do stupid things that day .

3. "What did you say yesterday? Helen asked.

Helen asked what I had said / 'd said the day before / the previous day .

4. "It's impossible to know what you want", Alice said.

Alice said (that) it was impossible to know what I wanted .

5. "Are you sure you are a superhero? Steve asked.

Steve asked if I was sure I was a superhero.

6. "I don't know the real you", he told.

He told (that) he didn't know the real me .

7. "Is it possible to contact Mr. Smith? Mary asked.

Mary asked if it was possible to contact Mr. Smith.

8. "The sun rises in the east", he affirmed. (Scientific truth doesn't switch the verb in reported speech / Las verdades científicas no cambian el tiempo verbal en estilo indirecto.)

He affirmed (that) the sun rises in the east.

9. "There are many things to think about, but she is the main one", John told his friends.

John told his friends (that) there were many things to think about, but she was the main one.

10. "What is that noise?" he asked. (Clarification for Spanish speakers: Recuerda que en inglés el sujeto va antes que el verbo por eso)

He asked what that noise was .

11. "Why did you carry those bags yesterday? he asked.

He asked why I had carried those bags the day before / the previous day .

12. "I didn't really know her", John told me.

John told me (that) he hadn't really known / had not really known her.

13. "Are you happy with your life?" He asked me.

He asked me if I was happy with my life.

14. "Are you aware you will fail this exam?" The teacher asked the students.

The teacher asked the students if they were aware they would fail that exam .