Name: _____ Date: _____

Reported speech

Grammar worksheet · Gramática en inglés americano: el estilo indirecto (reported speech): said, told y asked

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1 Circle the correct option.

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2. Tom (told / said) he had lost his phone.
3. He asked me (if I liked / if did I like) soccer.
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5. The teacher told us (to don't / not to) use our phones.

2 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

Pasan la frase a estilo indirecto: cambian el tiempo verbal, los pronombres y las palabras de tiempo y lugar.

Example: "I am cold," Sara said. → Sara said (that) she was cold.

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   → _____

2. "I will be fifteen next month," Valentina said.

   → _____

3. "I must study for my exam," Carlos said.

   → _____

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   → _____

2. "Where is the station?" a tourist asked us.

   → _____

3. "Are you feeling better?" the doctor asked Grandma.

   → _____

4. "Why didn't you call me?" Laura asked her brother.

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5. "How old is your brother?" Ana asked me.

   → _____

4 Report the orders and requests. Use told or asked + to / not to.

Pasan la orden o la petición a estilo indirecto con told o asked, la persona y to o not to con el infinitivo.

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   → _____

2. "Please wait here," the nurse asked us.

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3. "Be careful," Mom told my brother.

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5 Report three or four things people said to you or asked you this week.

Escriben en estilo indirecto lo que alguien les dijo, les preguntó o les pidió esta semana.

My friend told me that _____

My teacher asked us _____

Mom told me to _____

Someone asked me if _____

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Respuesta libre. Ejemplo: My friend told me that she had a new puppy. My teacher asked us if we had finished the exercise. Mom told me to take an umbrella. Someone asked me if the library was open.