

The connector that

The word 'that' is merely a connector. It is used to introduce a noun clause or a relative clause. In some cases 'that' can be omitted.

She said that she would come. OR She said she would come.

Complete the following sentences using an appropriate expression.

1. She said was going home.

that she

she

Either could be used here

2. She objected to my comment
..... had made a mistake.

she

that she

Either could be used here

3. It annoyed me wasn't
ready.

he

that he

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4. I'm relieved are safe.

you

that you

Either could be used here

5. She replied wasn't interested.

she

that she

Either could be used here

6. I thought wasn't coming.

she

that she

Either could be used here

7. The juice was so I couldn't stop drinking it.

good that

good

Either could be used here

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Answers

1. She said (that) she was going home.
2. She objected to my comment that she had made a mistake.
3. It annoyed me that he wasn't ready.
4. I'm relieved (that) you are safe.
5. She replied that she wasn't interested.
6. I thought (that) she wasn't coming.
7. The juice was so good (that) I couldn't stop drinking it.

Notes

In sentences where 'that' is given in the brackets, it is optional.