

Direct And Indirect Speech Exercise

Test your understanding of indirect speech with this grammar exercise.

1. I asked how old you

are

were

Either could be used here

2. She told me that she to my father.

has just spoken

had just spoken

Either could be used here

3. I asked him what

was the matter

the matter was

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4. She asked which

her seat was

was her seat

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5. The ancient Greeks and Romans thought that the sun around the earth.

goes

went

Either could be used here

6. I want to know if I be needed tomorrow.

will

would

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7. He said that he to go home and left.

wants

wanted

had wanted

8. I asked where staying.

the minister was

was the minister

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9. I knew how

did she feel

she felt

Either could be used here

10. He suggested quit.

me to

that I should

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11. The doctor said
smoking.

me to quit

that I must quit

quitting

12. He said that he Maria at
the club a few days before.

saw

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has seen

had seen

Answers

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3. I asked him what the matter was / was the matter.
4. She asked which her seat was / was her seat.
5. The ancient Greeks and Romans thought that the sun went around the earth.
6. I want to know if I will be needed tomorrow.
7. He said that he wanted to go home and left.
8. I asked where the minister was staying.
9. I knew how she felt.
10. He suggested that I should quit.
11. The doctor said that I must quit smoking.
12. He said that he had seen Maria at the club a few days before.