

# Indirect speech exercise

Fill in the blanks.

1. I told him respectfully that that  
..... the way to be happy and  
rich.

is

was

Either could be used here

2. The teacher asked James  
..... his lesson.

that he should learn

to learn

learning

3. Calling me a rascal, he said that he  
..... me sent to prison.

would

will

would have

will have

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4. John ..... with delight that he was glad to meet his friend there.

said  
told  
exclaimed  
asked

5. The child exclaimed with delight that his mother .....

came  
has come  
had come

6. The captain congratulated his teammates, saying that they ..... well.

did  
have done  
had done

7. The child cried with joy ..... it was his doll.

that

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what

if

8. The police inspector ordered that no one  
..... the room.

will leave

should leave

shall leave

9. The doctor advised the patient  
.....

that he not smoke

not to smoke

no smoking

10. Jim requested me ..... him  
my pen.

to lend

that I lent

that to lend

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## Answers

1. I told him respectfully that that was the way to be happy and rich.
2. The teacher asked James to learn his lesson.
3. Calling me a rascal, he said that he would have me sent to prison.
4. John exclaimed with delight that he was glad to meet his friend there.
5. The child exclaimed with delight that his mother had come.
6. The captain congratulated his teammates, saying that they had done well.
7. The child cried with joy that it was his doll.
8. The police inspector ordered that no one should leave the room.
9. The doctor advised the patient not to smoke.
10. Jim requested me to lend him my pen.