

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.