

# Indirect speech exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. Jane said that she was quite sure that she ..... in time.

will return  
would return  
returned

2. He ..... his friend good bye.

bid  
bade  
bidden

3. My mother ..... me home.

welcome  
welcoming  
welcomed

4. The boy ..... me for my help.

thank  
thanked  
thanking

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5. He expressed his hope that I  
..... well.

am  
was  
were

6. The accused ..... not guilty.

plead  
pleaded  
pleading

7. I advised him ..... his parents.

to obey  
that he obey

8. The mother asked her daughter if she knew  
where the keys .....

was  
were  
are

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9. James asked me if I .....  
spare some money for him.

- can
- could
- had

10. Voila asked Rosalind where she  
.....

- was going
- am going
- has going

## Answers

1. Jane said that she was quite sure that she would return in time.
2. He bade his friend good bye.
3. My mother welcomed me home.
4. The boy thanked me for my help.
5. He expressed his hope that I was well.
6. The accused pleaded not guilty.

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7. I advised him to obey his parents. OR I advised that he should obey his parents.
8. The mother asked her daughter if she knew where the keys were.
9. James asked me if I could spare some money for him.
10. Voila asked Rosalind where she was going.