

# Reported Speech Exercise

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word or phrase.

1. He asked me what ..... doing there.

was I

I was

2. He said that he ..... his examination.

has passed

had passed

3. He said that he ..... unwell.

is

was

has been

4. The boy said that he ..... then.

slept

was sleeping

is sleeping

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5. The stranger asked where .....

- I live
- I lived
- did I live

6. The doctor said that the patient  
..... in the night.

- has died
- had died

7. The girl exclaimed that she .....  
very clever.

- was
- is
- had been

8. I wrote that I ..... him next day.

- visited
- will visit
- would visit

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9. He asked me ..... I knew his name.

Please select 2 correct answers

- if
- whether
- that

10. I asked the girl if she ..... me her pen.

- will lend
- would lend
- lent

11. He told us that he ..... for an hour.

- has waited
- had waited

12. The speaker said that it ..... him great pleasure to be there that evening.

- gives

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has given

gave

## Answers

1. He asked me what I was doing there.
2. He said that he had passed his examination.
3. He said that he was unwell.
4. The boy said that he was sleeping then.
5. The stranger asked where I lived.
6. The doctor said that the patient had died in the night.
7. The girl exclaimed that she was very clever.
8. I wrote that I would visit him next day.
9. He asked me whether / if I knew his name.
10. I asked the girl if she would lend me her pen.
11. He told us that he had waited for an hour.
12. The speaker said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.