

Reported Speech

Part A

Fill in the blanks with the reporting verbs in the box. Each verb can be used once only.

offered asked explained advised wondered ordered

1. Margret _____ *asked* _____ me what books Karen liked to read.
2. I _____ why my cousin had not arrived at Hong Kong yet.
3. Julie _____ the children to stop screaming because the baby was sleeping.
4. Ted _____ to set up the dining table.
5. Mr Li _____ his students to take enough rest on the night before the exam.
6. Carina _____ that she was late because of the traffic jam.

Part B

Rewrite the following sentences into reported speech.

1. 'I've finished all my homework,' Alfred said.
Alfred said that he had finished all his homework.

2. 'Who will help me clean the blackboard?' Miss Lam asked.

3. The doctor says, 'Regular exercises, a balanced diet and adequate rest are the keys to good health.'

4. 'My grandma hasn't been feeling very well recently,' Helen told me today.

5. 'How long have you been studying English?' the foreigner asked David.


6. 'Next week we'll be travelling in Europe,' Ivy and Keith told everyone.


Part C

Doris has invited her friends to her house for her birthday party by phone. Read what her friends said and change the conversations into reported speech.

1.  *I'd love to come and I've just cancelled an appointment.*
Kelvin

4.  *I'll come. Should I bring you a birthday cake?*
Janet

2.  *I've bought a film ticket that evening but I can give it to my friend. I'll come.*
Vicky

5.  *I'll come to the party but I have to work till 7 pm. I may be late.*
Peggy

3.  *I'm very sorry that I can't come as I'm going to Paris for a conference. Let's have dinner together when I'm back.*
Michael

6.  *I'm not sure if I'll be free on that day yet, but I promise I'll reply you tomorrow.*
Julian

1. Kelvin told Doris that he would love to go (to the party) and he had just cancelled an appointment.
2. Vicky _____
3. Michael _____
4. Janet _____
5. Peggy _____
6. Julian _____