

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 wondered why my cousin had not arrived at Hong Kong yet.
3. Julie ordered the children to stop screaming because the baby was sleeping.
4. Ted offered to set up the dining table.
5. Mr Li advised his students to take enough rest on the night before the exam.
6. Carina explained 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.
Miss Lam asked who would help her clean the blackboard.
3. The doctor says, 'Regular exercises, a balanced diet and adequate rest are the keys to good health.'
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.
Helen told me that day that her grandma hadn't been feeling very well recently.
5. 'How long have you been studying English?' the foreigner asked David.
The foreigner asked David how long he had been studying English.
6. 'Next week we'll be travelling in Europe,' Ivy and Keith told everyone.
Ivy and Keith told everyone that they would be travelling in Europe the next week.

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 told Doris that she had bought a film ticket that evening but she could give it to her friend. She would go (to the party).
3. Michael told Doris that he was very sorry that he couldn't go (to the party) as he was going to Paris for a conference. He suggested having dinner together when he was back.
4. Janet told Doris that she would go (to the party). She asked if she should bring Doris a birthday cake.
5. Peggy told Doris that she would go (to the party) but she had to work till 7 pm. She might be late.
6. Julian told Doris that he was not sure if he would be free on that day yet, but he promised to reply Doris the next day.