



REPORTED SPEECH PRACTICE

SALLY’S STORY

Sally had been blind from birth. She had never said anything about her condition, but her dad noticed that she was beginning to behave differently now that she was seven. He spoke to Sally about it. She told her dad that being blind was making her very unhappy.

- Sally: "I can't do anything that other kids can do, Dad. I feel so helpless. I'm hoping all the time that something magic will happen, and I'll be able to see, just like everybody else."

- Father: "Sally, being blind isn't something that you chose for yourself. It's what you are, and that won't change. You have to understand that. How can I help you?"

- Sally: "Is it bad for me to hope that I'll see someday, Dad?"

- Father, "In a way it is. We both know It won't happen. You have so many wonderful qualities as the person you are. Concentrate on being the best person you can be, and your blindness won't really matter to anyone, especially to yourself."

- Sally: "It's hard not to dream about things changing, Dad,"

- Father: " Sally. Sometimes it's very hard to be who we are, but when we do, everything becomes a little easier for us. And it makes it easier for us to get along with other people."

- Sally: "O.K., Dad. I'll try, but please tell me these things if I forget."

- Father: "Oh, I will, I will. I just have a feeling that you're going to be one of the most terrific people in the world"

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→Take either Sally or her father and then report what she or her father said.

3.- “A tough and fussy customs officer”.-

Last month Laura went to L.A to see some of her relatives; the customs officer made her some questions. Report what the customs officer asked her:

1.- Have you got anything to declare?

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2.- Have you bought anything in the Duty Free Shop?

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3.- Which hotel are you going to stay at?

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4.- Would you mind opening your suitcase?

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5.- Whose camera is this?

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6.- Are you going to meet anyone in L.A?

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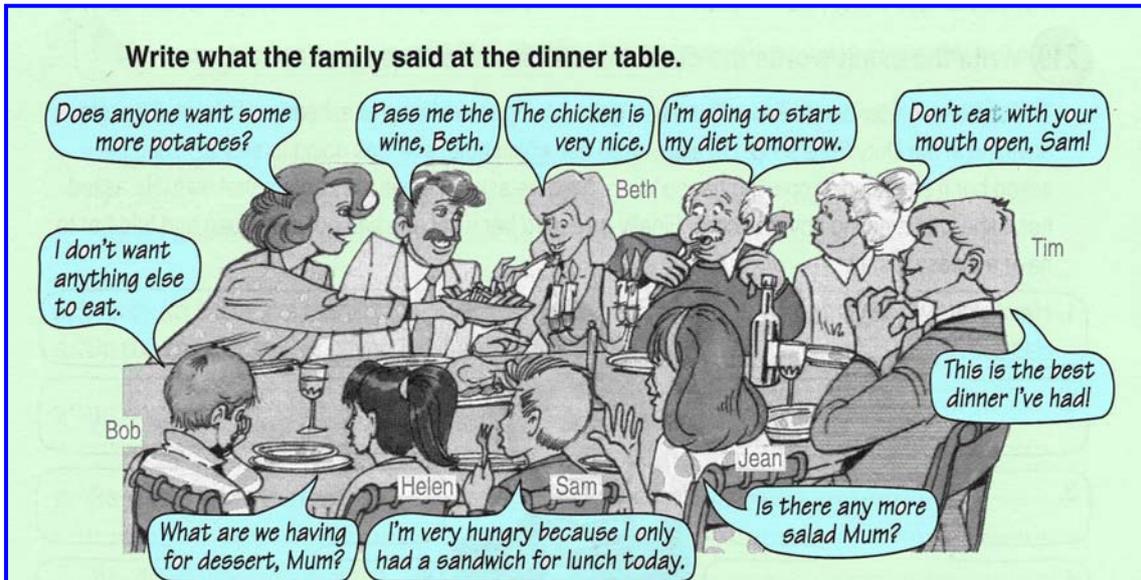
7.- What have you got in your bag?

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8.- Have a nice stay

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Write what the family said at the dinner table.



- 1.- BOB.....
- 2.- HELEN
- 3.- SAM
- 4.- JEAN
- 5.- TIM.....
- 6.- BETH.....
- 7.- GRANDFATHER

REPORTED SPEECH.- DIFFERENT REPORTING VERBS

To report commands, requests, suggestions etc we use a reporting verb (**order, ask, tell, advise, offer, warn, beg, etc**) followed by **to -infinitive** or **not to - infinitive**.

(**Suggest** is followed by the **-ing** form. eg. He said, "Shall we go by bus?" He suggested going by bus.)

Direct speech: He said to me, "Stop talking!" He said to me, "Don't touch it!"

Reported speech: He told me **to stop** talking. He told me **not to touch** it.

Choose a reporting verb and turn the following from Direct into Reported speech. advised, asked, ordered, suggested, explained, warned, promised, begged, offered, refused

- 1 . "I think you should take more exercise," the doctor said to me.
2. "I will not answer your questions," the actor said to him.
3. "I really will phone this evening," he said
4. "Do you know where I've put my hat?" he said to her.
5. "What have you bought me for Christmas?" the little boy said to his parents.
6. "Go to your room now and do your homework," the mother said to her son.
7. "You will be paid twice a month," her boss said....
8. "Would you like me to drive you into town?" she said to me.
9. "Let's go for a walk!" he said
10. "Please let me come with you," she said to her mother.
11. "Let's play in the garden," Ted said ...
12. "The sun is bigger than the earth," Mary said to the children.
13. "Don't go near the fire because it's dangerous," she said to Ben.
14. "Let's have steak for dinner," said June. ...
15. "I promise I'll write to you as soon as I arrive, Mary," said John.
16. "Please, don't shoot me!" he said to the robber.