**16. DIRECT AND INDIRECT SPEECH**

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**Let’s Get Started:**

**Sumit made some mistakes while reporting his father’s words to his brother. Write Sumit’s words correctly:**

**Mr Sen:** Sumit, ask your brother to finish his maths homework in an hour. He has a maths test tomorrow.

**Sumit** *(to his brother)*: Father asked you to finish your maths homework in an hour. He said that you had a maths test **the day after**.

1. **Rewrite these sentences in Indirect Speech:**
2. Mohit said that he had been invited to the inauguration ceremony the next day.
3. Lina told me that she would meet me the following week.
4. Rohit told his father that he was working on his project then.
5. Smriti said that she always drank milk in the morning.
6. Pranati explained to me that her cousins spent the weekend with her.
7. Mrs. Patil said that she had visited six countries in the previous month.
8. Linda complained that she had just cleaned the entire kitchen.
9. Kavitha said that she had been practising with the band for a week.
10. Sunil said that he would be done with his exams the following Monday.
11. They told me that they were staying in the hotel down the street.
12. She said that she would be tutoring her neighbour’s children the following week.
13. Vivek told Surya that he had watched the film twice already.
14. **Rewrite the sentences in Indirect Speech:**
15. The teacher asked the students how many of them could come for the special class that Sunday.
16. The airhostess requested the passengers to remain seated till the aircraft halts.
17. Nikhil asked if I liked the new generation of smartphones.
18. My mother asked if Robin would come for the party the next day.
19. I asked him if he was being able to cope with the new syllabus.
20. Raj asked me if I was left-handed or right-handed.
21. Mr Krishnan asked me what the name of the boy sitting next to me was.
22. Elwin asked John if he had a laptop.
23. Hima asked him why he had taken so long to reach.
24. Krishnan asked the event manager when the caterers would arrive.
25. She asked the boy why he was making so much noise.
26. The student asked the teacher if he might help her carry the books.
27. **Change these sentences in Indirect Speech:**
28. Mohit asked the shopkeeper if they could pay through credit card.
29. She asked the students if they had understood the sum.
30. She asked me if Sindhu had gone home.
31. Lydia asked if she could be 12 years old.
32. Justin asked Priyank if his father worked in the railways.
33. Fred asked Molly if the Thomases over went out on a Sunday.
34. Gina asked Supriya whether she was right about the play.
35. Saba asked Jasmine if she would close the door.
36. Fiona asked Chand if his parents had four dogs.
37. Sunil asked his mother if grandmother went to sleep quite early.
38. **Rewrite these sentences in Indirect Speech:**
39. He requested Prashant to help Vivek with his work.
40. Michelle told Luke that he should think of taking up music classes.
41. They ordered him not to lie about what he had done.
42. Mr Laxman ordered his assistant to arrange the files in alphabetical order in the cabinet.
43. Simi told Vineet not to blame the bus driver for his delay.
44. The teacher advised the students not to waste time during their study leave.
45. The shopkeeper warned everyone to leave the shop immediately and added that there was a fire in the storeroom.
46. Rithu urged Harsha to allow her to help him with his bags.
47. **Change the sentences to Indirect Speech:**
48. Mona wished that they could go for a vacation after the exams.
49. My grandfather exclaimed sadly that Nelson Mandela was no more and added that he had been their hero when they had been young.
50. Rosa exclaimed, wiping her forehead, that it was an extremely hot day and said that she couldn’t believe that that day’s temperature was 48 degrees Celsius.
51. Rajan exclaimed with joy that they had won the match, and that he had got the Man of the Match award too.
52. Jo cried to his mother to come and see that the cat had spilled the milk again.
53. Shabina exclaimed in surprise that the actor looked very handsome even though he was 70 years old.

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**Let Us Write:**

**Rewrite these dialogues in Indirect Speech:**

1. Manu said that he was going to play cricket and added that he couldn’t study all day.

His mother exclaimed that he had an examination the next day.

Manu replied that he had almost finished studying and requested his mother if could take a break for half an hour.

His mother replied that he could take an hour off and added that he could do so only after he had finished studying.

Manu exclaimed in desperation that it would get dark soon.

1. The man politely asked Geeta if she could tell him how to get to the railway station.

Geeta asked him to take a left at that junction, and added that he would see the station on the right side.

The man said that he had not got his watch with him and requested Geeta if she could tell him the time.

Geeta looked at her watch and replied that it was a quarter to six.

The man thanked Geeta and hurried on his way.