Reported speech

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Name: _____ Datum: _____

1 Report the statements. Start with „She said (that) …".

Backshift: present → past, past / present perfect → past perfect, will → would, can → could. Change pronouns (I → she) and time words (tomorrow → the next day, last week → the week before).

a) „I am tired." *She said (that) she was tired.*

b) „We live in Hamburg." *She said (that) they lived in Hamburg.*

c) „I have finished my homework." *She said (that) she had finished her homework.*

d) „I will call you tomorrow." *She said (that) she would call me the next day.*

e) „I can't come to the party." *She said (that) she couldn't come to the party.*

f) „My parents bought a new car last week."
She said (that) her parents had bought a new car the week before.

2 Report the questions.

Questions become statements: no do/does, subject before verb, no question mark. Yes/no questions: if or whether.

a) „Where do you live?" — He asked me … *He asked me where I lived.*

b) „Are you hungry?" — She wanted to know … *She wanted to know if I was hungry.*

c) „What time does the train leave?" — They asked … *They asked what time the train left.*

d) „Have you seen my keys?" — Dad asked … *Dad asked if I had seen his keys.*

3 Report the commands and requests.

tell/ask + person + (not) to + verb

a) „Sit down!" — The teacher told us … *The teacher told us to sit down.*

b) „Please help me." — She asked him … *She asked him to help her.*

c) „Don't touch that!" — Mum told me … *Mum told me not to touch that.*

4 Turn the dialogue into a short report (five to six sentences).

Amira told Jonas that _____ and asked him if _____ Jonas replied that _____ She said she would _____ and told him not to …

a) Amira: „I'm going to the cinema tonight. Do you want to come?" — Jonas: „I can't. I have to finish my project." — Amira: „Then I'll ask Lena. Don't work too late!"
Amira told Jonas that she was going to the cinema that night and asked him if he wanted to come. Jonas replied that he couldn't because he had to finish his project. Amira said that she would ask Lena then and told him not to work too late.