

## The Reported Speech

### I. Reporting statements

**Exercise:** Rewrite the direct speech as reported speech to complete the sentences.

1. "I'll send you a postcard."

→ He told us that he .....

2. "We've bought a new car."

→ They told me they .....

3. "I don't speak German."

4. "You failed your art exam last year."

→ You said that we .....

5. "I can't drive now."

→ He said .....

6. "You look nice this morning."

→ He told me that I .....

7. "We're going ice-skating."

→ They said they .....

8. "The students aren't listening to me."

→ The teacher said the students .....

### Key answers:

1. He told us that he would send us a postcard.

2. They told me they had bought a new car.

3. He told me that he didn't speak German.

4. You said that we failed our art exam the previous year.

5. He said he couldn't drive then.

6. He told me that I looked nice that morning.

7. They said they were going ice-skating.

8. The teacher said the students were not listening to him/her.

## **II. Reporting Questions**

**Exercise:** Report the following questions.

1. Christopher asked me, "Do you want to dance?"

→ Christopher asked me .....

2. Betty: "When did you come?"

→ Betty wanted to know .....

3. "Has John arrived?" Mark asked.

→ Mark asked me .....

4. Ronald said: "Where does Maria park her car?"

→ Ronald asked me.....;;

5. Elisabeth told me, "Did you watch the latest film?"

→ Elisabeth asked me .....

6. Mandy said: "Can I help you?"

→ Mandy wanted to know .....

7. Andrew asked me, "Will Mandy have lunch with Sue?"

→ Andrew .....

8. Justin asked: "What are you doing?"

→ Justin asked me .....

9. Frank: "How much pocket money does Lisa get?"

→ Frank wanted to know

10. Anne: "Must I do the shopping?"

→ Anne asked .....

### **Key answers**

1. Christopher asked me if I wanted to dance.

2. Betty wanted to know when I came.

3. Mark asked me if John had arrived.

4. Ronald asked me where Maria parked her car.

5. Elisabeth asked me if I watched the latest film.
6. Mandy wanted to know if she could help you.
7. Andrew asked me if Mandy would have lunch with Sue.
8. Justin asked me what I was doing.
9. Frank wanted to know how much pocket money Lisa got.
10. Anne asked if I had to do the shopping.