

## Reported speech: transfer exercises

### I. Turn the following conversations into Reported Speech using appropriate reporting verbs (WP) in the past.

#### A. Carter & his manager

"Carter, when are you taking your holidays this year?" said the manager.

"Actually, I've already been on holiday, sir. Don't you remember? I went on safari in Kenya," said Carter.

"Oh yes, of course. You went in March, didn't you?" "That's correct, sir," said Carter.

"Did you enjoy it?" the manager asked.

"Well, I didn't manage to see many animals. It was very disappointing," Carter replied.

"Have you got any plans to go back there?" the manager said.

"Well, yes, actually I've already booked tickets for next year. I'm going in February. I think it will be a better time for seeing the animals," said Carter.

"So, we'll be looking for a new accountant then, if you come face to face with a lion," said the manager.

*... The manager asked Carter when he was taking his holidays that year . ...*

#### B. Andrea to Cathy

"Let's spend the weekend in Scotland," said Andrea. "We can find a cheap bed and breakfast in the Highlands."

"And just what are we going to do all weekend with nothing but sheep for company!" Cathy said.

"I'll teach you to ski," said Andrea.

*... Andrea suggested spending " . ...*

#### C. Mr Mills to James

"James, have you written to the University of Madrid yet?" Mr Mills said.

"No, I'm sorry," said James. "I haven't had time."

"There's no point in apologizing to me, James," said Mr Mills. "You see, you must apply early because they fill their places very quickly."

"The thing is that I'm afraid I won't pass my Spanish exam," said James.

"Well, have you been working hard?" said Mr Mills.

"Yes, I have," said James, "but I'm much better at French, and I had hoped to apply

to Paris.”

“Yes, it’s true you are better at French,” said Mr Mills. “If I put your name down for the Sorbonne, will you write tonight?”

“Yes sir, I’ll write as soon as I get home,” James promised .

**... Mr Mills asked James if he...**

## **D. Joan and Geoffrey**

Joan: Mmm, I’m really going to enjoy this sandwich. I’m so hungry. I haven’t eaten anything since breakfast. Are you sure you don’t want anything?

Geoffrey: Yes. I’ve eaten too much already today. I can’t eat another thing.

Joan: Why not just have a glass of milk then?

Geoffrey: Good idea.

Joan: I really enjoyed the visit to the aquarium this morning. What shall we do this afternoon?

Geoffrey: Let’s go to the folk museum. It looks very interesting.

Joan: Yes, but don’t forget we have to be back at the hotel by six.

Geoffrey: We definitely have enough time, don’t worry.

Joan: Oh no! I can’t find my purse. I must have dropped it in the car park.

Geoffrey: I’ll go back and look for it if you like .

**... Joan said that she was going to enjoy her sandwich because ...**

## **II. Rewrite the following situations as conversations:**

### **A. Daniel and the bank manager**

Daniel asked the bank manager for a loan. The bank manager asked him exactly what he wanted the money for. Daniel explained that he wanted to set up his own cleaning business. The bank manager agreed that it was a good idea but urged him to be very careful before investing a lot of money. Daniel admitted that he’d never had his own business before. The bank manager apologized for being unable to promise Daniel a loan immediately. He suggested Daniel writing a business plan and coming back in a week. Daniel agreed to return the following Thursday .

**... “I was wondering if it was possible for me to apply for a loan,” Daniel said to the bank manager ...**

## **B. On holiday**

Stephen denied having got them lost and refused to take responsibility for their situation, Catherine accused him of not knowing how to read a map, and threatened to leave him if he didn't get them out of the mess, Stephen complained that she always made him do all the work, Catherine apologized for not helping but begged him to do something, adding that she didn't want to spend the night in the open, Stephen promised that they would find somewhere to stay, and urged her to keep calm, He eventually asked her to help him with the map reading. She laughed and suggested that perhaps he should try holding the map the right way up.

***... "It's not my fault we got lost", Stephen said...***

## **C. The Diver**

The diver boasted about having found a shipwreck full of treasure on the ocean floor. His friend accused him of lying as that part of the sea had been explored thoroughly, yet the diver still insisted, claiming that only he had searched that particular area. Then his friend went on to tell him that if that was the case, he should notify the authorities as soon as possible in order to lay claim to the treasure. She warned him that if he failed to do this someone else might claim the treasure for themselves. It was at this stage that the diver admitted that the wreck wasn't that old and that the treasure consisted of Monopoly money!

***... "I have found..."***