

Tandem activity: Indirect speech



Put in the correct indirect speech forms and act out the dialogues. You've got the solutions for your partner's sentences. Correct your partner if he/she makes a mistake.

Partner A: Mary	Partner B: John
Mary: I met up with Tomoko yesterday. She said that her trip to France last month _____ (be) great.	Mary: I met up with Tomoko yesterday. She said that her trip to France last month had been great.
John: Yes, I spoke to her too. She told me she had never tasted such good food before.	John: Yes, I spoke to her too. She told me she _____ never _____ (taste) such good food before.
Mary: And she said that she _____ (cannot) wait to go back there again.	Mary: And she said that she couldn't wait to go back there again.
John: She said she would move there one day. Do you know if she went by ferry or plane?	John: She said she _____ (move) there one day. Do you know if she went by ferry or plane?
Mary: By plane. She mentioned they _____ (have to) wait really long for their luggage after arrival.	Mary: By plane. She mentioned they had had to wait really long for their luggage after arrival.
John: And didn't she say that her father had almost forgotten to bring the tickets?	John: And didn't she say that her father _____ almost _____ (forget) to bring the tickets?
Mary: Not the tickets, but the passports. She told me the whole family _____ (be) afraid because they thought they _____ (not be allowed to) fly.	Mary: Not the tickets, but the passports. She told me the whole family had been afraid because they thought they wouldn't be allowed to fly.
John: Where is she now? Didn't she say she wanted to invite us to show us her photos? Didn't she say that we just had to see them?	John: Where is she now? Didn't she say she _____ (want) to invite us to show us her photos? Didn't she say that we just _____ (have to) see them?
Mary: She told me yesterday she _____ (show) us the pictures on Saturday.	Mary: She told me yesterday she would show us the pictures on Saturday.
John: Great! Tomoko said she was looking forward to seeing us at her house on Saturday at 3 pm.	John: Great! Tomoko said she _____ (look forward to) seeing us at her house on Saturday at 3 pm.
Mary: And I'm looking forward to it too! She said it was one of the most wonderful trips she _____ (take) so far.	Mary: And I'm looking forward to it too! She said it was one of the most wonderful trips she had taken so far.
John: Didn't she say that about her last trip? She said Spain was the best country for travelling ...	John: Didn't she say that about her last trip? She said Spain _____ (be) the best country for travelling ...
Mary: But that's not a bad thing! Tomoko said herself she _____ (be) a person who simply _____ (like) travelling.	Mary: But that's not a bad thing! Tomoko said herself she was a person who simply liked travelling.

Tandem activity: Questions, commands and requests in indirect speech



Put in the correct indirect speech forms and act out the dialogue. You've got the solutions for your partner's sentences. Correct your partner if he/she makes a mistake.

Partner A: Tariq Azad	Partner B: Dave
Tariq Azad: Welcome back to London, Dave! Jay asked me _____ you _____ (pick up) from the station. He's waiting at home. I hope you don't mind.	Tariq Azad: Welcome back to London, Dave! Jay asked me to pick you up from the station. He's waiting at home. I hope you don't mind.
Dave: No, of course not! Oh, my parents asked me to say hello from them.	Dave: No, of course not! Oh, my parents asked me _____ (say) hello from them.
Tariq Azad: Thanks! Yasmin wanted to know if they _____ (be) worried about your trip.	Tariq Azad: Thanks! Yasmin wanted to know if they were worried about your trip.
Dave: Yes, they're always worried. They wanted to know exactly when I would arrive and they asked me to call them as soon as I got here. I've already done that.	Dave: Yes, they're always worried. They wanted to know exactly when I _____ (arrive) and they asked me _____ (call) them as soon as I got here. I've already done that.
Tariq Azad: Very good! And did they tell you _____ (behave)?	Tariq Azad: Very good! And did they tell you to behave ?
Dave: Of course they did. They asked me to be really nice and friendly, and to eat everything, even soup and garlic.	Dave: Of course they did. They asked me _____ (be) really nice and friendly, and _____ (eat) everything, even soup and garlic.
Tariq Azad: You don't like garlic? I didn't know that. By the way, Jay asked if you _____ (want) to come with us tomorrow to pick up Shahid at the gate, and if it _____ (bother) you to sleep on the sofa.	Tariq Azad: You don't like garlic? I didn't know that. By the way, Jay asked if you wanted to come with us tomorrow to pick up Shahid at the gate, and if it would bother you to sleep on the sofa.
Dave: No, I don't mind sleeping on the sofa. And yes, I'd love to come along. Last time I saw Shahid, he wanted to know if I was interested in computers.	Dave: No, I don't mind sleeping on the sofa. And yes, I'd love to come along. Last time I saw Shahid, he wanted to know if I _____ (be) interested in computers.
Tariq Azad: Shahid's a computer addict. He asked me just last week if I _____ (can) imagine living without a computer or a smartphone. Oh, I remember now ... I talked to your parents about this. They asked me _____ (not let) you play computer games all day long.	Tariq Azad: Shahid's a computer addict. He asked me just last week if I could imagine living without a computer or a smartphone. Oh, I remember now ... I talked to your parents about this. They asked me not to let you play computer games all day long.
Dave: That's typical! But I hope you don't mind if I use my phone for photos. My grandmother told me to take lots of pictures!	Dave: That's typical! But I hope you don't mind if I use my phone for photos. My grandmother told me _____ (take) lots of pictures!