



# Reported speech

**CHANGE THE SENTENCES  
INTO INDIRECT SPEECH**

“Don’t read the text, Tom.”

The teacher tells Tom not to read the text.

1. “Let me carry the box.”

Jerry ..... the box.

2. “Don’t move the chairs, please.”

The teacher ..... the children ..... the chairs.

3. “Don’t go there by car.”

Mrs Taylor ..... her husband ..... there by car.

4. “Invite all your friends to the party.”

Mother ..... me ..... friends to the party.

5. “Shall I buy some bread?”

Tom ..... some bread.

6. “Let me answer the telephone.”

Nina ..... the telephone.

7. “Shall I cut the bread?”

David ..... the bread.

8. “Don’t ask me the question!”

Tom ..... his little brother ..... the question.

9. “Buy some apples, please.”

Mother ..... me ..... some apples.

10. “Don’t buy any oranges.”

Granny ..... me ..... any oranges.

### 126. Change the sentences to indirect speech.

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1. “Why are they late?”

The teacher wonders ..... late.

2. "When is she busy?"  
Tom wonders ..... busy.
3. "Where is he from?"  
Bill wonders ..... from.
4. "When were they in France?"  
The officer asks ..... in France.
5. "How many chairs are there in the room?"  
The teacher asks ..... in the room.
6. "How old is he?"  
Nelly wonders .....
7. "How old are you?"  
They ask .....
8. "Where are you from?"  
They ask .....
9. "When were you ill?"  
She asks .....
10. "Why are you crying?"  
He asks ..... crying.

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1. "Why do they come late?"  
My grandmother asks ..... late.
2. "Why did they invite Pete?"  
Tom asks ..... Pete.
3. "When do they go to the country?"  
Helen wonders ..... to the country.
4. "When did they go to the country?"  
She wonders ..... to the country.
5. "Where does he come from?"  
The pupils wonder ..... from.