

Reported speech: tenses

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Exercise 1

Complete these sentences in the reported speech.

Example:

"I went to shops." - John said he had gone to shops.

"It is so sad," I said.

I said

"I've already done it," claimed Paul.

Paul claimed that

"I saw you at the station," Kim told me.

Kim told me

"I can't help you," explained Dan.

Dan explained that

"I could fail the exam," he was afraid.

He was afraid that

"The Amazon is the biggest river," he knew.

He knew that

"I may come a bit late," Bill told me.

Bill told me that

"I've been reading a book," he replied.

He replied that

"David must be on a diet," said the doctor.

The doctor said

"You haven't written the essay," thought the teacher.

The teacher thought that

"I was with her," admitted Jim.

Jim admitted that

"I'm texting my boyfriend," she said.

She said

"I will finish the picture," promised Marion.

Marion promised

"I would accept it," she said.

She said

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Key with answers

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I said it was so sad.

Paul claimed that he had already done it.

Kim told me she had seen me at the station.

Dan explained that he couldn't help me.

He was afraid that he could fail the exam.

He knew that the Amazon was | is the biggest river.

Bill told me that he might come a bit late.

He replied that he had been reading a book.

The doctor said David had to be on a diet.

The teacher thought that I hadn't written the essay.

Jim admitted that he had been with her.

She said she was texting her boyfriend.

Marion promised she would finish the picture.

She said she would accept it.