

# **CORRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY 30**

**Change the sentences to reported speech.**

**1. “The suppliers will not be bringing any commodities to our shops this week.”  
said the traders.**

**The traders said that the suppliers would not be taking any commodities to their shops that week.**

**2. The addresser said, “I shall be posting my letters in the evening today.”**

**The addresser said that she would be posting her letters in the evening that day.**

**3. “We shall not be sitting for examinations. ” said the truants.**

**The truants said that they would not be sitting for examinations.**

**4. The police officers said, “We shall be arresting all the suspects this month.”**

**The police officers said that they would be arresting all the suspects that month.**

**5. The herdsmen said, “We shall be taking the animals to the abattoir this evening. ”**

**The herdsmen said that they would be taking the animals to abattoir that evening.**

**Change the sentences to direct speech.**

**6. The Disc Jockey said that he would be playing pop music at Tom’s birthday party.**

**The Disc Jockey said, “I shall be playing pop music at Tom’s birthday party. ”**

**7. Mary said that her mother would be baking cookies in the afternoon.**

**“My mother will be baking cookies in the afternoon, ” said Mary.**

**8. The Reverend said that the choir would be singing hymns at the vigil that evening.**

**The Reverend said, “The choir will be singing hymns at the vigil this evening.”**

**THE END**

# **LESSON**

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## **REPORTING QUESTIONS**

**We have two ways of beginning questions.**

**a) With helping verbs / modal verbs**

**b) With interrogative words**

**Questions beginning with helping or modal verbs.**

**N.B.**

**We use if or whether as the conjunctions when changing questions to reported speech.**

**Examples.**

**1. “Are you sick, Maria?” John asked.**

**John wanted to know from Maria if she was sick.**

**2. The neighbour asked, “Can John ride a bicycle?”**

**The neighbour asked whether John could ride a bicycle.**

**3. “Did you eat anything yesterday?” the mother asked him.**

**The mother asked him if he had eaten something the previous day.**

**4. The head teacher Asked, “Secretary, has the bursar come to school today? ”**

**The head teacher wanted to know from the secretary whether the bursar had gone to school that day.**

**5. “Shall we sit for PLE this year? ” the candidates inquired.**

**The candidates inquired if they would sit for PLE that year.**

**6. “Is the baby sleeping now? ” asked Juliet.**

**Juliet asked whether the baby was sleeping then.**

**7. “Does the visitor eat mukene, mother? asked Nabirye.**

**Nabirye wanted to know from her mother if the visitor ate mukene.**

## **ACTIVITY**

**Change the sentences to reported speech.**



**1. “Do you know my name? ” asked David.**

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**2. The teacher inquired, “Is Jane present today?”**

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**3. “Have the boys bathed yet?” asked the matron.**

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**4. “Are the men digging the grave now?” asked the Reverend.**

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**5. “Will you bake wedding cakes tomorrow, Daphine?” Moses asked.**

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**6. The father asked, “Have the children been downloading the work today?”**

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**7. “Must we go to the butcher’s today, Mummy? ” inquired the sons.**

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**THE END**