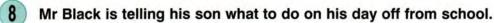
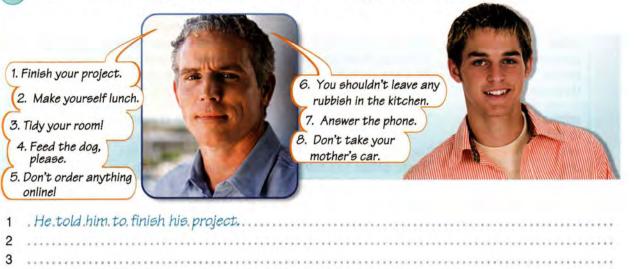
## **Reported Speech**

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## Modals in Reported speech

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Would, could, mustn't, should, might, ought to and had better remain the same.

Direct speech	Reported speech
She said, "I'll do it later."	She said (that) she would do it later.
She said, "I can speak German."	She said (that) she could speak German.
She said, "I can go tomorrow."	She said (that) she would be able to go the day after. (future
She said, "I may speak to Ann."	She said (that) she might speak to Ann.
She said, "How shall I do this?"	She asked how she should do that. (advice)
She said, "When shall we reach York?"	She asked when they would reach York. (information)
She said, "You must be back at 10:00."	She said (that) I must / had to be back at 10:00. (obligation)
She said, "He must be tired."	She said (that) he must be tired. (deduction)
She said, "You should try harder."	She said (that) I should try harder.
She said, "You had better phone him."	She said (that) I had better phone him.

## Turn the following sentences into reported speech.

1	"How shall I tell Tom the bad news?" she said. She asked how she should tell Tom the bad news.
2	"Can I go home now?" he asked.
3	"You can come in but you'll have to be quiet," he said to her.
4	"What time shall we arrive in Cairo?" he asked.
5	"She must try harder if she wants to succeed," he said.
6	"My father will be angry with me if he finds out," she said.
7	"You shouldn't drive so fast," he said to her.
8	"I can meet you on Friday," he said.
9	"You'd better ask your parents," she said to him.
10	"I may not be able to meet you at the train station," he said to her.