**Test**

**Reported Speech**

**I. Put a form of either say, tell or ask, speak, talk in each space in the appropriate tense form.**

1) When the child was in bed, his mother .…………… him a story. 2) When she left she ……………, “I’ll call again next week.” 3) I’ve left my watch at home. Could you …………… the time? 4) What is the word for someone who can ……………. two languages fluently? 5) I saw Peter yesterday, and he ………………. that he was going to buy a new car. 6) Can you ……………… the difference between butter and margarine? 7) What exactly did Jenny …………….. to you when you asked her about the party? 8) Sorry, could you ……………. up? It’s a bad line and I can’t hear well. 9) Don’t be silly. I wasn’t angry. I don’t know what you are ……………… about. 10) Excuse me, could you …………… me the way to the station. 11) What is the first word most children learn to …………….? 12) Stop it! Don’t …………… nonsense! 13) When do children usually learn to …………….? 14) Actions ………… louder than words. 15) Sorry. I wasn’t listening. What did you …………….? 16) When you …………… her if she’d work late what did she ……………?

**II.** **Put a form of one of the verbs listed into the space in each sentence.**

accuse admit agree apologize claim decide deny doubt forbid insist offer promise refuse remind suggest

1) “No, it’s not true. I didn’t steal the money!” Jean ……………… stealing the money. 2) “Why don’t we go to the cinema tonight?” Peter ………………… going to the cinema. 3) “Yes, I’ll give you a lift, Helen.” Liz ………………. to give Helen a lift. 4) “I’ve broken your pen. I’m awfully sorry.” David ……………….. for breaking Jack’s pen. 5) “Don’t forget to post my letter, will you Sue?” Diana …………….…. Sue to post her letter. 6) “Let me carry your suitcase, John.” Harry ……………….. to carry John’s suitcase. 7) “All right, it’s true. I was nervous.” The leading actor ……………… that he had been nervous. 8) “I don’t think Liverpool will win.” Vanessa ……………… whether Liverpool would win. 9) “Don’t worry, Martin. I’ll bring your book.” Leslie ……………….. to bring Martin’s book. 10) “You murdered Lord Digby, didn’t you, Colin!” The inspector ……………….. Colin of murdering Lord Digby.

11) “Right. I’ll take the brown pair.” Andrew ………………. to take the brown pair. 12) “No, sorry, I don’t want to lend you my camera.” Alex ………………. to lend me his camera.

**III. Put in the correct forms and tenses of the verbs in brackets.**

The nurse asked me if I ……………… (be) next and she led me into Dr Grey’s surgery. Dr Grey smiled at me and asked what the problem ………….. (be). I’m a young man and I am not the sort of person she has to see very often! I told her I ……………. (be) feeling rather run down. She asked me if I …………….. (keep) regular hours and I said I ……………… (do not). She wanted to know why I ……………… (not keep) regular hours and I said I ………………. (be) out with friends almost every evening. Dr Grey then wanted to know how I ……………… (spend) my time and I ………….. (tell) her I ……………. (go) to parties mostly. The doctor asked if I ………………. (not have) chance to recover during weekends and I ……………… (tell) her that my party-going ……………… (be) even worse during weekends! She asked me if I ………………… (smoke). When I said I did, she asked how many cigarettes a day I …………… (smoke). She raised her eyebrows when I answered. Then she asked me if I ……………. (take) any exercise and I answered that I ……………… (not have) time for that sort of thing. “You are burning the candle at both ends, Mr. Finley,” she told me. “Rest is the only cure for you”.

**IV. Rewrite the following sentences into reported speech.**

1) “If I finish my work early, I’ll call you,” she said.

2) “I got my exam results last week,” he told them.

3) “I left my umbrella here two days ago,” said Susan.

4) She said, “It must be pretty late. I must go.”

5) “I can’t afford to buy this dress,” said Sally.

6) “Shall I make some tea?” said Mary.

7) Jason said to his father, “Please, please let me go to the party.”

8) “I’m starting a new job next week,” she said.

9) “Wow!” he said as he unwrapped his gift.

10) “Hurry up!” she told him. “We are going to miss the bus.”

11) Father said, “How about going to the beach?”

12) “I would buy a car if I had enough money,” he said.