

B.A.(Prog) II Sem
English-A

Practice Exercise for reported speech

Q: 1. Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

1. I said, "This man is a real nincompoop."
2. She said to me, "You are singing very melodiously."
3. You said, "I killed a rat rather wickedly."
4. He said, "I have done amazingly well today."
5. We said, "We were watching a truly absorbing movie."
6. She said, "I may badly need some medical help soon."
7. You said to me, "You can do this ridiculously easy task."
8. I said, "I shall certainly take care of all eventualities."
9. They said, "We have put up an extraordinary performance indeed."

Q:2

Use the dialogue below to practice reported speech. First, read the scenario. Then change the dialogue to reported speech.

The Scenario

There is a reception for Professor Hector, a respected author, who has just announced that he will publish a new book. A student asks him a few questions for the student newspaper.

Reporter: "What is the title of your book?"

Mr. Hector: "The title is *The River at Midnight*."

Reporter: "What is the topic?"

Mr. Hector: "The book is a collection of new poetry that I wrote last year."

Reporter: "Is this your first book?"

Mr. Hector: "It is my first book of poems. I have previously published two novels."

Reporter: "Do you have any advice for aspiring writers?"

Mr. Hector: "They should read a lot and write a lot – every day if possible."

Reporter: "Do you have anything else you'd like to say?"

Mr. Hector: "Yes. Please join me for some refreshments at the reception!"