

Exercise 1 - Tick/check the boxes in Column A for the sentences which you think are 'Future in the Past', B for those that you think are reported speech, and C for indirect questions, and check.

1. She said that she would be home by eight. (B)
2. He somehow knew that she would be home late. (A)
3. I wondered if she would be home at her usual time. (C)
4. She was going to do it yesterday, but forgot. (A)
5. She promised she was going to do it the next day. (B)
6. He asked when she was going to do it. (C)
7. She asked me when and where we were to meet them. (C)
8. They told us we were to meet them after work. (B)
9. We were to meet them outside the cinema. (A)

Exercise 2 - Enter a suitable verb from the box into each gap, choosing the correct future form for the function and then converting it into a past form.

become · meet · stay · leave · travel · serve · finish

1. At the age of eight, I decided I _____ (was going to become) a pilot when I grew up.
2. We knew she _____ (would have been travelling) for ten hours by the time she arrived at our house later that night, so she was probably going to be very tired.
3. According to his ticket, the flight _____ (left) at 06.00, so he still had plenty of time.
4. He left home early as he _____ (was meeting) his cousin off the flight from London.
5. He suggested that, as we _____ (would have finished) lunch by 2pm, he would order the taxi for 2.30.
6. We were going for a picnic and hoped the weather _____ (would stay) sunny.

7. At breakfast, we were told that they _____ (would be serving) lunch at 1pm, as usual.

Ex 3. Choose the best suitable word and fill in the gaps

could going had flown hadn't seen if I was liked not sitting not to stay to take took was was wearing what happened would be

1. "I'm afraid of flying." He told me he _____ afraid of flying. (was)
2. "I like travelling by plane." She said she _____ travelling by plane. liked
3. "You can get off the plane." The pilot told us we _____ get off the plane. could
4. "There will be a 45-minute delay." The flight attendant explained that there _____ a 45-minute delay. would be
5. "This man flew this very flight before." I could tell that man _____ that very flight before. had flown
6. "Look. The pilot is wearing dark glasses." One of the passengers pointed out that the pilot _____ dark glasses. was wearing
7. "I haven't seen blind people with guide dogs on planes yet." Peter replied that he _____ blind people with guide dogs on planes yet. hadn't seen
8. "Take the dog out to stretch his legs." He told the pilot _____ the dog out to stretch his legs. to take
9. "Don't stay for too long." They told us _____ for too long. not to stay
10. "Are you nervous?" The stewardess asked me _____ nervous. if I was
11. "How long does the flight take?" Mary wanted to know how long the flight _____ . took
12. "What happened?" They asked me _____ . what happened
13. "Let's go out." Tom suggested _____ out. going
14. "Let's not sit all the time." I suggested _____ all the time. not sitting

Ex. 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has similar meanings to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

1. "Helen, would you like to come to lunch on Sunday?" asked Mary.
if
Mary _____ to come to lunch on Sunday. (asked Helen if she wanted/would like)
2. "You are not allowed to smoke in your room, Bob" said his mother.
forbade
Bob's mother _____ in his room. (forbade Bob from smoking)
3. Sue thought it would be good idea to see a doctor.
advised
Sue _____ see a doctor. (advised me to)
4. The minister proposed regular meetings for the committee.
suggested
The minister _____ should meet regularly. (suggested that the committee)
5. Jack demanded urgent action from the police.
do
Jack demanded _____ something urgently. (that the police do)
6. My bank manager invited me to visit him at home.
could
My bank manager _____ visit him at home. (said I could)
7. "No, I really don't want to stay the night, Sophia," Ann said.
staying
Ann insisted _____ the night at Sophia's home. (on not staying)
8. "I'll call off the football match if you don't behave," the teacher said.
threatened
The teacher _____ the children's behavior improved. (threatened to call off the football match unless)
9. "Ok, mom, I'll do my homework, I promise," said Laura.
that
Laura _____ do her homework. (promised her mother that she would)

10. "Congratulations on getting engaged, Sue," said Harry.
congratulated
Harry _____ engagement. (congratulated Sue on her)

Ex 5. Turn following sentences into direct speech

1. He asked me if I had taken part in the football match.
2. She asked me where I lived.
3. Who said that he had joined a sports society?
4. He told me that he had seen my brother the day before.
5. She asked me to hurry up as there was little time left before the beginning of the meeting .
6. She asked her friend if the rain had stopped.
7. He answered that it was still raining.
8. My sister told me that she had found the book I was looking for.
9. He said that he didn't like the man character of the book but he could not explain why.
10. He asked his brother what he would do if he did not find the book he needed.
11. I asked my aunt if she was going to her hometown for the holidays.
12. He told me that he hadn't been able to ring me up in time.
13. He asked his classmates to wait for him.
14. He asked her if anyone else knew about his arrival.
15. I asked him when he would take his last examination.