

Unit 8

Exercise 1

Rewrite the following sentences using reported speech.

1. 'What country are you from?' her brother asked me.

2. 'How long have you been living in Mexico?' Jane asked me.

3. 'Are you working as a teacher?' Bill asked me.

4. 'Have you got a green card?' the policeman wanted to know.

5. 'What are you going to study next year?' asked my tutor.

6. 'Have you enrolled for more than one class at university?' asked John.

7. 'Do you want to buy any gifts for your family?' asked Mary.

8. 'Have you seen any interesting movies lately?' asked Anne.

9. 'Do you play tennis?' asked Daniel.

10. 'When did he arrive to London?' asked Jack

Exercise 2

Read the text below carefully and then answer the questions.

Last week, a group of friends went on a trip to explore different types of transport in their city. They visited several places and talked to people who work in the transport sector.

Emma said that traveling by bike was her favorite way to get around because it was healthy and good for the environment. She also mentioned that she didn't like taking buses because they were often late.

Liam explained that he had recently started using the city's new electric scooters. He told the group that they were very convenient for short distances but warned them to be careful when riding on busy roads.

Anna shared that she had taken a train trip the previous weekend. She said the train was fast and comfortable, but she complained that the tickets were quite expensive compared to buses.

Finally, Tom said that he preferred driving his car since it gave him freedom to travel whenever he wanted. However, he admitted that he sometimes got stuck in traffic jams during rush hours.

Questions:

1. According to the text, why does Emma prefer traveling by bike?

2. What did Emma say about buses?
3. How did Liam describe the electric scooters?
4. What advice did Liam give regarding scooters?
5. What was Anna's opinion about the train tickets?
6. Why does Tom like driving his car?
7. What problem did Tom admit to experiencing while driving?

Exercise 3

Read the dialogue between Emma and Jack. Then write a paragraph reporting their conversation (120-150 words).

Here is a list of some reporting verbs to be used and avoid repetition:

said / asked / wanted to know / explained / replied / answered / added / admitted / hoped

Dialogue

Emma: Hi, Jack! I got back from Italy yesterday.

Jack: Really? How was your trip?

Emma: It was amazing! I visited Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Jack: Which city did you like the most?

Emma: I think Florence was my favourite because it was quieter than Rome.

Jack: Did you travel by train?

Emma: Yes, I did. The trains were fast and comfortable.

Jack: Where are you going on your next holiday?

Emma: I'm going to Portugal next summer. I want to visit Lisbon and the beaches in the south.

Jack: That sounds great! I hope you have a wonderful time.

Emma: Thanks! Maybe you can come with me.

Now, report the conversation.

Begin with: Emma told Jack that...

Exercise 4

Write an email to a friend, in about 140 words, suggesting the itinerary and details for a trip you are planning together.