



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester



## Topic 57:

# Reported questions, orders, requests

When we want to report an order or request, we can use a verb like 'tell' with a to-clause: *He told me to go away*. The pattern is **verb + indirect object + to-clause**. The indirect object is the person spoken to. Other verbs used to report orders and requests in this way are: **command, order, warn, ask, advise, invite, beg, teach, & forbid**.

### Examples:

The doctor said to me, "Stop smoking!".

The doctor **told me to stop smoking**.

"Get out of the car!" said the policeman.

The policeman **ordered him to get out** of the car.

"Could you please be quiet," she said.

She **asked me to be** quiet.



## Requests for objects

Requests for objects are reported using the pattern "asked for" + object.

### Examples:

Direct speech	Indirect speech
"Can I have an apple?", she asked.	She <b>asked for</b> an apple.
"Can I have the newspaper, please?"	He <b>asked for</b> the newspaper.
"May I have a glass of water?" he said.	He <b>asked for</b> a glass of water.
"Sugar, please."	She <b>asked for</b> the sugar.
"Could I have three kilos of onions?"	He <b>asked for</b> three kilos of onions.



## Exercises:

1. Tim: "She works in an office." Tim said (that) she \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jessica: "I am going to clean the room."  
Jessica told me (that) she \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ian and Marvin: "We need new shoes."  
Ian and Marvin remarked (that) they \_\_\_\_\_
4. Mandy: "Are the boys reading the book?"  
Yesterday Mandy asked me \_\_\_\_\_
5. Jason: "Who gave you the laptop?"  
Yesterday Jason wanted to know \_\_\_\_\_