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SCRIVERE IN MODO LEGGIBILE
LEGGERE LE ISTRUZIONI ATTENTAMENTE

EXERCISE 1

Read the following things that Stephen, a British tourist, told Giovanna when they met in a bar in Milan last week. Then rewrite them using reported speech.

Example: “I work for a multinational computer company.”
He told her (that) he worked for a multinational computer company.

1. “I’ve been working there for a year.”

He said _____

2. “I’m looking for a better job.”

He said _____

3. “I like travelling.”

He told _____

4. “I’ve been to the United States.”

He said _____

5. “I went to Chicago last summer.”

He told _____

EXERCISE 2

*Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech, using **he**, **she**, or **they** and one of the following verbs. Use each verb only once. An example has been done for you.*

apologised, objected , suggested, insisted, boasted, exclaimed

Example: “I don’t see why we should pay for something we didn’t order.”

She objected to paying for something (that) they didn’t order.

1. “Why don’t we spend the weekend at the seaside?”

2. “I always get the highest marks in the class for English.”

3. “It’s such a lovely wedding and the bride looks so beautiful!”

4. “I won’t take no for an answer. I want to pay for the meal.”

5. “Sorry we’re late.”

EXERCISE 3

Insert the definite article (the) where necessary.

Example: ___/___ December 21st is THE longest night of THE year.

1. _____ my sister plays _____ violin in _____ school orchestra.
2. My mother went to _____ school to talk to _____ headmaster.
3. _____ Pyrenees are a chain of mountains along _____ border between _____ France and _____ Spain.
4. _____ London described in his novels is very different from _____ modern London.
5. _____ religions of most primitive peoples teach _____ respect for _____ nature.

EXERCISE 4

Complete the following passage by adding the appropriate prepositions.

David Herbert Lawrence was born (1) _____ Eastwood, a small mining village (2) _____ Nottinghamshire (3) _____ 1885. He was the fourth child (4) _____ a miner. (5) _____ the age (6) _____ 13, he won a scholarship (7) _____ Nottingham High School, which he left (8) _____ a job (9) _____ a firm (10) _____ surgical goods manufacturers. He soon abandoned this (11) _____ become a teacher. While he was studying (12) _____ his teacher's certificate (13) _____ Nottingham University, he began his first novel, *The White Peacock*, which was published (14) _____ Heinemann (15) _____ 1911.

(16) _____ Lawrence's writings, one may mention the novels *Women in Love*, *The Rainbow*, *Sons and Lovers*, *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, *Kangaroo*, and *The Plumed Serpent*. Many (17) _____ his works are set (18) _____ the Nottinghamshire of his childhood or (19) _____ places he visited throughout his life; his characters are often based (20) _____ people he knew, and events often recall things Lawrence either experienced or knew.

EXERCISE 5

Choose a suitable modal verb to complete each of the following sentences (more than one modal is frequently possible), and then specify the function it fulfils, e.g., expressing **possibility/probability/certainty**, making an **offer**, indicating **prohibition** or **obligation**, asking for or giving **advice**, making a **request**, indicating **ability**, asking/granting **permission**, indicating a **spontaneous decision**, giving an **order**, talking about **past habits**; making a **suggestion**, expressing **deduction**, etc. Sometimes the modal must be in the negative form.

1. _____ I leave the room, Sir? (_____)
2. _____ you like some more coffee? (_____)
3. _____ we go shopping at the weekend? (_____)
4. Students _____ not talk during the exam. (_____)
5. _____ you give Mary a message? (_____)

6. If you want to lose weight, you _____ eat less chocolate. (_____)
7. I saw them at work this morning, so they _____ on holiday. (_____)
8. I _____ remember to pay to electricity bill. (_____)
9. You _____ leave your bags here, Madam. (_____)
10. We _____ go to the beach tomorrow—it depends on the weather. (_____)

EXERCISE 6

Rewrite the following sentences, changing the verbs according to the tense in brackets.

1. She'd like to go to Hawaii for her holidays, but she doesn't have enough money. (*past*)

2. They ought to wait until it stops raining before going to the supermarket. (*past*)

3. I needn't have worried about the exam, since it was really easy. (*present*)

4. Were you able to catch the last train? (*present*)

5. When can I afford to buy a new car? (*future*)

EXERCISE 7

Rewrite the following newspaper headlines so that they form complete and grammatically correct sentences. Change any 'typical' newspaper vocabulary into more everyday language.

1. COUNTRY BUS SERVICE AXED

2. PM TO ANNOUNCE NEW CABINET WEDNESDAY

3. SWIMMER FAILS IN CHANNEL BID

4. HUNDREDS PERISH IN FACTORY BLAZE

5. QUEEN SET TO ABDICATE

EXERCISE 8

Write the following fax to Samantha Jones (in reply to her fax, **subject: training course**, dated 12 May 2002), using the functions suggested.

- Thank her for her fax.
- Confirm that the training course will take place from 16 to 22 July.
- Ask her to clarify how many people from her office will be attending.
- Offer to book her (and her colleagues) hotel accommodation.
- Tell her you are enclosing the programme for the course, and a list of participants.
- Close the fax.

USARE LE SPAZIO QUI SOTTO PER SCRIVERE IL FAX