Exercise 1

Here are some tips a teacher had given to his pupils for the upcoming class photo

Put them into reported speech.

Think of at least **two different** suitable verbs to start your sentences

1. Smile at the photographer.

3. Don’t wear a T-Shirt.

2. Don’t be late.

4. Behave well.

5. Stand up straight.

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Exercise 2

The following statements are in direct and reported speech. Unfortunately there are mistakes in the reported speech, Find them and write them on the lines below.

1. Sarah: “I like modern languages. I’m thinking about my future at this moment. I did some practical work last year.”

Sarah said that she likes modern languages. She was thinking about my future at that moment.

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1. Tom: “I will go to Australia next year. I have already visited Australia two years ago. I think it’s a great country.”

Tom said that he would go to Australia next year. He has already visited Australia

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Exercise 3

Yesterday the reporter Anna Benson interviewed a group of young people who soon will start their careers. Read what she asked them and what they told her and complete her fax to the editor.

**Use reported speech!**

4. Have you applied for any jobs?

1. What is important to you in your job?

2. We’ve always wanted to be our own boss.

3. We don’t want to work like slaves for someone else.

5. I’m going to apply for a course in computer-aided design.

**To:** Eddy Roberts (Editor)

**From:** Anna Benson

**Subject:** Our report on young apprentices.

Hi Eddie,

I interviewed a group of young apprentices who entered the ‘Young Apprentice of the Year’ competition. Here is what I have found out.

At first I asked them (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. All of them said that (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and that they (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I also wanted to know (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. One boy told me that he (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Yours,

Anna

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**Solution**

Exercise 1

1. The teacher told them to smile at the photographer.
2. He expected them not to be late.
3. The teacher asked them not to wear a T-Shirt.
4. He advised them to behave well.
5. The teacher asked them to stand up straight.

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**From:** Anna Benson

**Subject:** Our report on young apprentices.

Hi Eddie,

I interviewed a group of young apprentices who entered the ‘Young Apprentice of the Year’ competition. Here is what I have found out.

At first I asked them (1) **what was important to them in their job**. All of them said that (2) **they had always wanted to be their own boss** and that they (3) **didn’t want to work like slaves for someone else**. I also wanted to know (4) **if they had applied for any jobs**. One boy told me that he (5) **would apply for a course in computer-aided design**.

Yours,

Anna