

# Direct and Indirect Speech

## A. Change the following sentences to reported **indirect speech**.

1. 'Do you like singing?' the teacher asked.
2. 'Don't forget to pay the bills,' my mother reminded my father.
3. Raju said, 'I can speak four languages.'
4. 'When will you come back?' Sujeet asked me.
5. Reeta said, 'How old are you? You can take the exam only if you are sixteen.'

## B. Make sentences in reported **indirect speech** using the hints given in the brackets. Do not change the meaning of the sentence.

1. The traffic policeman said, 'Don't cross the road from anywhere. Use the zebra crossing.' (remind, urge)
2. The students said, 'We didn't understand'. (Use negative form)
3. Bhaskar: 'I'm not enjoying the movie much.' (Use negative form)
4. Teacher: 'Stand up!' (Start with 'The teacher commanded...')
5. Akash said, 'I shall fight the battle till the end.' (Past tense)

## C. Choose the correct words to fill in the blanks.

1. Mrs John said that she \_\_\_\_\_. (was cooking / were cooking)
2. The teachers \_\_\_\_\_ us that we would fail if we didn't study. (warn / warned)
3. Chetna promised that she \_\_\_\_\_ tell anyone. (wouldn't / wont)
4. The guard \_\_\_\_\_ him to leave the shop. (said/ asked)
5. The visitors said that they \_\_\_\_\_ visiting Delhi for the first time. (were / was)

## Answers

### A.

1. The teacher asked me if I liked singing.
2. My mother reminded my father to pay the bills.
3. Raju said that he could speak four languages.
4. Sujeet asked me when I would come back.
5. Reeta asked me how old I was and said that I could take the exam only if I was sixteen.

### B.

1. The traffic policeman reminded them not to cross the road from anywhere. He urged them to use the zebra crossing.
2. The students said that they didn't understand.
3. Bhaskar said that he wasn't enjoying the movie much.
4. The teacher commanded them to stand up.
5. Akash said that he would fight the battle till the end.

### C.

1. Mrs John said that she was cooking.
2. The teachers warned us that we would fail if we didn't study.
3. Chetna promised that she wouldn't tell anyone.
4. The guard asked him to leave the shop.
5. The visitors said that they were visiting Delhi for the first time.