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A. Report the statements

Report later, from a different place. Use tense backshift.

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1. Mala said, "I am tired."

2. Nimal said, "I work here."

3. Anu said, "I can swim."

4. Ravi said, "I will help."

5. Saman said, "I have finished."

6. Nila said, "I am studying."

7. Kamal said, "I like tea."

8. Sara said, "I saw the film."

9. Lal said, "I must leave."

10. Rani said, "I do not drive."

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B. Complete the reported verb

Use the backshifted form shown by the direct speech.

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11. Mala: "I am tired." Report: Mala said that she ___ tired.

12. Nimal: "I work here." Report: Nimal said that he ___ there.

13. Anu: "I can swim." Report: Anu said that she ___ swim.

14. Ravi: "I will help." Report: Ravi said that he ___ help.

15. Saman: "I have finished." Report: Saman said that he ___.

16. Nila: "I am studying." Report: Nila said that she ___.

17. Kamal: "I like tea." Report: Kamal said that he ___ tea.

18. Sara: "I saw the film." Report: Sara said that she ___ the film.

19. Lal: "I must leave." Report: Lal said that he ___ leave.

20. Rani: "I do not drive." Report: Rani said that she ___ drive.

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C. Report questions and requests

Report later. Use statement order or (not) to + verb.

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21. Anu asked me, "Are you ready?"

22. Nimal asked me, "Do you work?"

23. Mala asked me, "Where do you live?"

24. Ravi asked me, "What are you doing?"

25. Sara asked me, "Can you help?"

26. Nimal said to me, "Please open the door."

27. Anu said to me, "Please wait."

28. Mala said to me, "Do not shout."

29. Ravi said to me, "Please sit down."

30. Sara said to me, "Do not run."

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D. Correct the reporting sentence

Use backshift. Repair grammar or punctuation as needed.

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31. Mala said me that she was tired.

32. Nimal told that he worked there.

33. Anu asked me where did I live.

34. Ravi asked me if was I ready.

35. Sara asked me not run.

36. Mala said that she is tired.

37. Nimal said that he will help.

38. Anu said that she can swim.

39. Ravi told me open the door.

40. Sara asked me where I lived?

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E. Explain your choices aloud

Report the statement, then explain one grammar change.

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41. Mala said, "I am tired." Explain a change.

42. Nimal said, "I work here." Explain a change.

43. Anu said, "I can swim." Explain a change.

44. Ravi said, "I will help." Explain a change.

45. Saman said, "I have finished." Explain a change.

46. Nila said, "I am studying." Explain a change.

47. Kamal said, "I like tea." Explain a change.

48. Sara said, "I saw the film." Explain a change.

49. Lal said, "I must leave." Explain a change.

50. Rani said, "I do not drive." Explain a change.

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