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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 hungry."

2. Nimal said, "I live here."

3. Anu said, "I can cook."

4. Ravi said, "I will wait."

5. Saman said, "I have eaten."

6. Nila said, "I am reading."

7. Kamal said, "I need help."

8. Sara said, "I bought a book."

9. Lal said, "I must study."

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

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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 hungry." Report: Mala said that she ___ hungry.

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

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

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

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

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

17. Kamal: "I need help." Report: Kamal said that he ___ help.

18. Sara: "I bought a book." Report: Sara said that she ___ a book.

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

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

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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 busy?"

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

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

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

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

26. Nimal said to me, "Please close the window."

27. Anu said to me, "Please speak slowly."

28. Mala said to me, "Do not touch it."

29. Ravi said to me, "Please call me."

30. Sara said to me, "Do not be late."

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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 hungry.

32. Nimal told that he lived there.

33. Anu asked me where did I study.

34. Ravi asked me if was I busy.

35. Sara told me not run.

36. Mala said that she is hungry.

37. Nimal said that he will wait.

38. Anu said that she can cook.

39. Ravi asked me close the window.

40. Sara asked me what I was reading?

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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 hungry." Explain a change.

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

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

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

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

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

47. Kamal said, "I need help." Explain a change.

48. Sara said, "I bought a book." Explain a change.

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

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

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