

S.S.L.C. SECOND LANGUAGE- ENGLISH- GRAMMAR SECTION
INDIRECT SPEECH (REPORTED SPEECH)

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C) Reporting Imperative Sentences (Requests and Orders)

While reporting an imperative sentence, we use 'to' or 'not to' as the case may be.

The reporting verb will be 'requested', 'asked', 'ordered', 'suggested', 'advised' etc.

Let us practise:

1. Mother: My son, are you going to bed so early?

Chandra: Mother, I am dead tired. Please wake me up at 5.30 tomorrow morning.

Ans: Chandra requested his mother to wake him up at 5.30 the next morning.

Note: Here, the verb 'wake' does not change into past tense because it becomes an infinitive after it gets 'to'. Infinitives never change.

2. Students: Sir, there is no enough light here.

Teacher: Open the windows and switch on the lights.

Ans: The teacher asked (advised) the students to open the windows and switch on the lights.

3. Captain: Sir, shall we opt for batting?

Coach: Boys, the sun is not very bright. You opt for bowling.

Ans: The coach asked (advised) the boys to opt for bowling.

4. The Headmaster said, "Don't come to my class without wearing the uniforms."

Ans: The Headmaster ordered the students not to come to his class without wearing the uniforms.

5. Driver: Sir, did you call me? What shall I do for you?

Minister: Keep my car ready and ask my son to get ready.

Ans: The minister ordered the driver to keep his car ready and to ask his (minister's) son to get ready.

6. Sheetal: Mom, two of my friends will be visiting our house tomorrow evening.

Mother: So what? What shall I do for them?

Sheetal: Mom, please prepare some sweets for my friends.

Ans: Sheetal requested her mother to prepare some sweets for her friends.

7. Children: Good morning, Sir.

Teacher: Good morning, children. I am going to ask you some questions. Don't open the books until I tell you.

Ans: The teacher ordered the children not to open their books until he told them.

8. Gowri: O granny, why are you weeping?

Granny: I am very old and sick. Please help me to lift this bag and cross the road.

Ans: The granny requested Gowri to help her to lift that bag and to cross the road.

9. Visitor: Madam, can I get a room for two days?

Receptionist: Sorry, Sir. All the rooms are occupied. Please try to get one at our branch Hotel Mayuri near the Light House.

Ans: The receptionist advised the visitor to try to get a room at their branch Hotel Mayuri near the Light House.

10. Farmer: Sir, how can I get an Income Certificate?

Clerk: Sir, apply for it along with a copy of your Adhaar Card.

Ans: The clerk ordered the farmer to apply for his Income Certificate along with a copy of his Adhaar card.

11. Students: Sir, shall we play volley ball this evening?

Teacher: No. Don't ask for games until the tests are over.

Ans: The teacher asked the students not to ask for games until the tests were over.

12. Villagers: Sir, please sanction a Primary Health Center to our village.

Minister: I will see to this.

Ans: The villagers requested the minister to sanction a Primary Health Center to their village.

Note: Exclamatory Sentences are not asked for transformation in the examinations.

Questions from old question papers:

1. John: Here is a camera for you, Lakshmi.

Lakshmi: When did you buy it, John?

(Wh question) [April 2020]

Ans: Lakshmi asked John when he had bought the camera.

2. Waseem: Vasu, what's your hobby?

Vasu: My hobby is writing poems.

[Statement] [Model 2022]

Ans: Vasu told Waseem that his hobby was writing poems.

3. Raghav: Hello, Raj, when are you going to Delhi?

Raj: Hey Raghav, I am going to Delhi tomorrow. [Statement] [March 2022]

Ans: Raj replied to Raghav that he was going to Delhi the next day.

4. Jane: Good Morning Ravi.

Ravi: Very Good Morning Jane.

Jane: Let's not waste our time. Shall we begin?

Ravi: Sure. I am rather glad you raised the subject. (Statement) [June 2022]

Jane and Ravi greeted each other. Jane was eager to get straight into the business. She asked him if they should begin their talks. Ravi accepted and told her that he was glad as [June 2022]

Ans: Ravi accepted and told her that he was glad as Jane had raised the subject.

5. Ramya: Hello, Sarita. Are you going to the concert? [Model 2023](yes/no question)

Sarita: Yes, will you come with us?

Ramya asked Sarita

Ans: Ramya asked Sarita whether she (Sarita) was going to the concert.

6. Pavitra: Hello, Kusuma, How are you?

Kusuma: Hi, I am not feeling well. [Statement] (April 2023)

Ans: Kusuma told Pavitra that she was not feeling well.

7. Jayanth: Shall we go for coffee?

Raju: I am very busy now. (Statement) [June 2023]

Ans: Raju told Jayanth that he was very busy then.

8. Mother: Are you all right Suma?

Suma: No, Mom. I am feeling tired now.

Suma told her mother

(Statement) [Model 2024]

Ans: Suma told her mother that she was feeling tired then.

9. Bhimesh: How are you planning for the annual day programme?

Harish: I am planning to play a skit in the annual day programme today. (Statement) [April 2024]

Ans: Harish told Bhimesh that he was planning to play a skit in the annual day programme that day.

10. Prema: Hello Sunitha, Where are you going?

Sunitha: I am going to my aunt's house. (Statement) [June 2024]

Ans: Sunitha told Prema that she was going to her aunt's house.

11. Kusuma: Hello Netra, where are you going?

Netra: Hi, I am moving to my native place today. (Statement) [August 24]

Ans: Netra told Kusuma that she was moving to her native place that day.

12. Jayanth: Hello Suresh, how are you?

Suresh: Fine, thank you.

Jayanth: What are you going to do in the vacation?

Suresh: I am planning to go to my native place. (Statement) [March 2025]

Ans: Suresh told Jayantha that he was planning to go to his native place in the vacation.

13. Dad: Where is our son, Rakesh?

Mom: He is playing with his friend in the neighbourhood now

Dad: Has he informed you?

Mom: Yes, he informs me every day.

Mom replied

(Statement) [Model 2025]

Ans: Mom replied that their son Rakesh was playing with his friend in the neighbourhood then.

14. Roopa: Hi, Deepa, do you like coffee?

Deepa: Yes, I like coffee.

Deepa answered that (Statement) [Model 2025]

Ans: Deepa answered that she liked coffee.

15. He said to me, "Do you play football?" (Yes/no question) [June 2025]

Ans: He asked me whether I played football.

16. Amogh: Mom, I have got the hall ticket today.

Mom: Good. How is your preparation for the examination?

Mother asked her son

(Wh question) [Model 2026]

Ans: Mother asked her son how his preparation for the examination was.

17. Neha: Hello, Neeti, will you send me today's homework?

Neeti: Yes, I will. But, why were you absent to school today?

Neha asked Neeti

(Wh question) [Model 2026]

Ans: Neha asked Neeti whether she (Neeti) would send her (Neha) that day's homework.

Note: If we consider this question as a request, we can have the answer as:

Neha asked (requested) Neeti to send her that day's homework.

18. Nehan: Did you finish your project?

Rehan: Yes, can you go through and review it for me?

Rehan asked Nehan
(Yes/no question) [Model 2026]

Ans: Rehan asked Nehan whether she could go through and review the project for him.

19. Kusuma: When are you coming to school?

Rameshwari: I am coming to school tomorrow.

(Statement) [Model 2026]

Ans: Rameshwari told Kusuma that she was coming to school the next day.