

Adults always know better

This is what teenagers are often told to do or not to do by adults.

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| 1. "Don't watch so much TV." | 5. "You mustn't come home later than 10 o'clock." |
| 2. "Work harder at school." | 6. "Don't sit around in your room all the time." |
| 3. "Do as you're told." | 7. "Go and fetch the mail from the letter-box." |
| 4. "Tidy up your room." | 8. "Help your sister with her homework." |

Now turn these commands into reported speech. Start like this:

Adults often tell teenagers

Can you think of five things your parents asked/told you to do or not to do in the last few days?

More requests

Look at these requests and turn them into reported speech. Find suitable introductions.

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| 1. "Don't wait for me if I'm late." | 2. "Mind your own business." |
| 3. "Don't worry, Sue." | 4. "Please slow down!" |
| 5. "Open your bag, please." | 6. "Hurry up." |
| 7. "Could you get a newspaper for me?" (<i>Careful! This looks like a question, but it isn't!</i>) | |
| 8. "Will you marry me?" (<i>see 7.</i>) | |
| 9. "Do you think you could <i>give me a hand</i> ¹ , Tom?" (<i>see 7.</i>) | |
| 10. "Stop talking when I'm explaining something to you." | |

1 to give someone a hand *to help someone to do something*

2 to mind one's own business *you say this when you tell someone in a rude way that you do not want him to ask you about something private*

reported speech**Hilfe**

Bitten, Aufforderungen, Ratschläge und Verbote werden in der indirekten Rede meist mit einem **Infinitivsatz** ausgedrückt. Auch hier werden die Pronomen immer angepasst.

Beispiele: Mother: "**Tidy up** your room."
Jenny's mother told her **to tidy up** her room.
Father: "**Don't sit** at the computer all day."
Tim's father told him **not to sit** at the computer all day.
Mark: "**Could you lend** me your bag for the classtrip, Dad?"
Mark asked his father **to lend** him his bag for the classtrip.
Father: "If I were you, I **would take** a rucksack."
Mark's father advised him **to take** a rucksack.

aber: Father: "**Let's leave** after breakfast."
Mark's father **suggested leaving** after breakfast.

Als Einleitungen bei Aufforderungen, Bitten, Ratschlägen, Vorschlägen und Verboten in der indirekten Rede eignen sich z.B.:

to tell sb. (not) to do sth. - to ask sb. (not) to do sth. - to advise sb. (not) to do sth.

aber: to suggest **doing** sth. (*Ausnahme: nach 'to suggest' darf kein Infinitiv stehen!*)

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1. Adults often tell teenagers not to watch so much TV.
2. ... to work harder at school.
3. ... to do as they are told.
4. ... to tidy up their rooms.
5. ... not to come home later than 10 o'clock.
6. ... not to sit around in their rooms all the time.
7. ... to go and (to) fetch the mail from the letter-box.
8. ... to help their sister with her homework.

More requests

1. Sandy's mother told her daughter not to wait for her if she was late.
 2. Sam told his friend to mind his own business.
 3. Sue's dad told her not to worry.
 4. Mrs Brown told her husband to slow down.
 5. The customs officer asked the tourist to open his bag.
 6. The teacher asked the pupils to hurry up.
 7. Mark's father asked his son to get a newspaper for him.
 8. After ten years, Pam asked her boyfriend to marry her.
 9. Tom's mother asked him to give her a hand.
 10. The teacher told the class to stop talking when he was explaining something to them.
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Additional exercises

1. Requests

Look at these requests and turn them into reported speech.

1. The teacher to Joe: "Stop talking, Joe."
2. Betty to Samantha: "Wait and be patient."
3. Tim's father to Tim: "Go to your room."
4. Mrs Bings to her husband: "Give me the key."
5. Ingrid Bergmann to Humphrey Bogart in 'Casablanca': "Play it again, Sam."
6. The doctor to Caron: "Sit down, Caron."
7. The receptionist to the hotel guest: "Fill in the form, Sir."
8. The castle tourist guide to the tourists: "Take off your shoes, please."

2. More requests

Look at these requests and turn them into reported speech.

1. The museum guide to the tourists: "Don't touch anything."
2. Tom's mother to her son after he has broken a glass: "Don't do that again."
3. The teacher to an aggressive pupil: "Don't talk to me like that."
4. The computer salesman to Mr White: "Don't repair the computer yourself."
5. Mrs Todd to her little daughter when leaving the house: "Don't let anyone in."
6. Patricia to her boyfriend: "Don't go out without me."
7. Mrs Smith to her son Paul: "Don't forget your bag."
8. The chemistry professor to the students: "Don't eat in the lab."
9. The teacher to Phil after he has written a bad classtest: "Don't give yourself up."
10. The instructor to the apprentices: "Don't hurt yourselves, boys."