

**Reported speech key word sentence transformation FCE Use of English Part Four  
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*Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. **Do not change the word given.** You must use between **two** and **five** words, including the word given.*

1. They say that the new rollercoaster is absolutely terrifying.

**SAID**

The new rollercoaster \_\_\_\_\_ absolutely terrifying.

2. Robert said he would not pay me back.

**REPAY**

Robert refused \_\_\_\_\_ money.

3. I think it would be a good idea for you to move closer to work. .

**SUGGEST**

I \_\_\_\_\_ closer to work.

4. "It was Petra who stole it!" said Martine.

**ACCUSED**

Martine \_\_\_\_\_ stealing it.

5. Paula said it had been my fault that we didn't get their business.

**BLAMED**

Paula \_\_\_\_\_ fact that we didn't get their business.

6. "What is the weight of the cake?" the customer asked.

**HOW**

The customer asked \_\_\_\_\_ was.

7. "Would it be possible to borrow your dictionary, please?" said Juanes.

**LEND**

Juanes asked if I \_\_\_\_\_ dictionary.

8. "Can my son try out this skateboard?" Adam asked the shopkeeper.

**COULD**

Adam asked the shopkeeper \_\_\_\_\_ out the skateboard.

9. "I don't think the wall will stop the flooding," the mayor announced.

**DOUBTED**

The mayor announced that she \_\_\_\_\_ stop the flooding.

10. Paddy said he would not thank me and just walked out.

**REFUSED**

Paddy \_\_\_\_\_ thank you to me and just walked out.

## Answers

OR means two or more answers are possible. / divides the two points for each question. You must have exactly the words on that side of the / to get that point. If names are included, you must have those names (to actually keep the meaning the same as the original sentence). Note that all answers should be written in just capital letters in the real exam.

1. They say that the new rollercoaster is absolutely terrifying.

The new rollercoaster is **said**/ to be \_\_\_\_\_ absolutely terrifying.

2. Robert said he would not pay me back.

Robert refused \_\_\_\_\_ to/ **repay** my \_\_\_\_\_ money.

3. I think it would be a good idea for you to move closer to work. .

I \_\_\_\_\_ **suggest** / moving OR that you move \_\_\_\_\_ closer to work.

4. "It was Petra who stole it!" said Martine.

Martine \_\_\_\_\_ **accused** Petra/ of \_\_\_\_\_ stealing it.

5. Paula said it had been my fault that we didn't get their business.

Paula \_\_\_\_\_ **blamed** me/ for the \_\_\_\_\_ fact that we didn't get their business.

6. "What is the weight of the cake?" the customer asked.

The customer asked \_\_\_\_\_ **how** heavy/ the cake \_\_\_\_\_ was.

7. "Would it be possible to borrow your dictionary, please?" said Juanes.

Juanes asked if I \_\_\_\_\_ would OR could **lend**/ him my \_\_\_\_\_ dictionary.

8. "Can my son try out this skateboard?" Adam asked the shopkeeper.

Adam asked the shopkeeper \_\_\_\_\_ if his son OR whether his son/ **could** try \_\_\_\_\_ out the skateboard.

9. "We don't think the wall will stop the flooding," the mayor announced.

The mayor announced that she \_\_\_\_\_ **doubted** (if OR whether)/ the wall would \_\_\_\_\_ stop the flooding.

10. Paddy said he would not thank me and just walked out.

Paddy \_\_\_\_\_ **refused** to/ say \_\_\_\_\_ thank you to me and just walked out.