

Reported speech key word sentence transformation FCE Use of English Part Four

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using (exactly) the word given. You must use 2-5 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. A slash “/” divides the two points for each question. You must have exactly the words on that side of the slash 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.