

### Extra exercise on reported speech – L3 CB

Convert the following direct speech into reported speech. Pay close attention to the necessary changes in tense, pronouns, and time/place expressions.

1. Dr. Evelyn Reed said, "We will publish the complete results of the clinical trial next month." → Dr. Evelyn Reed said that...
2. The chief engineer explained, "The new alloy can withstand temperatures up to 1500°C." → The chief engineer explained that...
3. A spokesperson for the space agency stated, "The rover landed on Mars successfully yesterday." → A spokesperson for the space agency stated that...
4. The students reported, "We are observing a significant shift in the absorption spectrum of the compound right now." → The students reported that...
5. Professor Alistair remarked, "I have confirmed the hypothesis through several independent experiments this week." → Professor Alistair remarked that...

### Answer Key

#### Part 1: Reporting Statements and Findings

1. Dr. Evelyn Reed said that **they would publish the complete results of the clinical trial the following month (or the month after).**
2. The chief engineer explained that **the new alloy can / could withstand temperatures up to 1500°C.**
3. A spokesperson for the space agency stated that **the rover had landed on Mars successfully the day before.**
4. The students reported that **they were observing a significant shift in the absorption spectrum of the compound right then.**
5. Professor Alistair remarked that **he had confirmed the hypothesis through several independent experiments that week.**

## Exercise part 2: Reporting Questions and Commands

Convert the following direct speech (questions and commands) into reported speech. Use appropriate reporting verbs like *asked*, *enquired*, *ordered*, or *instructed*.

1. The lab manager asked the technician, "Did you calibrate the spectrophotometer before the experiment?" → The lab manager asked the technician...
2. The research assistant enquired, "Where should I store the volatile chemical samples?" → The research assistant enquired...
3. The supervisor commanded the team, "Immediately shut down the reactor and evacuate the area!" → The supervisor ordered the team...
4. Dr. Chen asked, "What is the expected half-life of this radioactive isotope?" → Dr. Chen asked...
5. The field geologist told his team, "Collect samples from all three rock strata near the fault line." → The field geologist instructed his team...

## Part 2 ANSWERS: Reporting Questions and Commands

1. The lab manager asked the technician **if / whether he/she had calibrated the spectrophotometer before the experiment.**
2. The research assistant enquired **where he/she should store the volatile chemical samples.**
3. The supervisor ordered the team **immediately to shut down the reactor and evacuate the area.**
4. Dr. Chen asked **what the expected half-life of that radioactive isotope was.**
5. The field geologist instructed his team **to collect samples from all three rock strata near the fault line.**