Reported Speech Exercise

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She said, “We ...” ⇒ She said that they ...

A Convert the phrases below into reported speech.

1. "It's raining," she said.

2. He said to her, "I love you."

3. "I saw Maria in the supermarket yesterday," said Carlos.

4. "We've lived here for three years," he said.

5. "I'll bring a pasta salad," said Francesca.


7. "They found gold here," said the geology teacher.

8. "Jenny can't speak French," said Pierre.


10. "I want your homework handed in by tomorrow," he said to the class.

11. "My mother made these cakes," said Juan.

12. "I'm feeling tired now," said David.

B Now write some examples of your own.

1. ..............................................................

2. ..............................................................

3. ..............................................................
Answers

1. She said (that) it was raining.
2. He told her (that) he loved her.
3. Carlos said (that) he saw/had seen María in the supermarket the previous day.
4. He said (that) they had lived there for three years.
5. Francesca said (that) she would bring a pasta salad.
6. Miranda said (that) Mark was going to install solar panels.
7. The geology teacher said (that) they had found gold there.
8. Pierre said (that) Jenny couldn't speak French.
9. He told them (that) he first met/had first met his wife in Seville.
10. He told the class (that) he wanted their homework handed in by the next day.
11. Juan said (that) his mother made/had made those cakes.
12. David said (that) he was feeling tired then.