

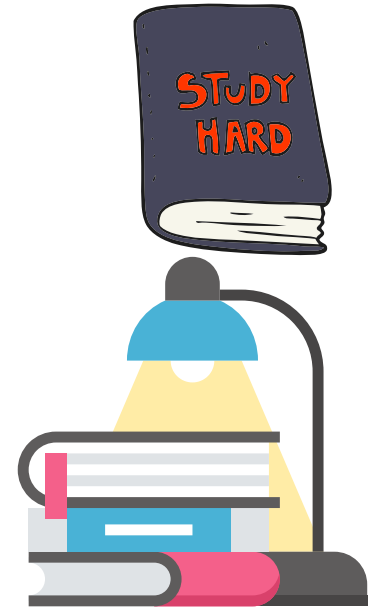
Direct and indirect speech Exercises



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5. 'I've won the lottery!' the old lady said.
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6. 'My friends don't like visiting museums,' Louise said.
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7. The young boy said, 'People will have holidays in space in the future.'
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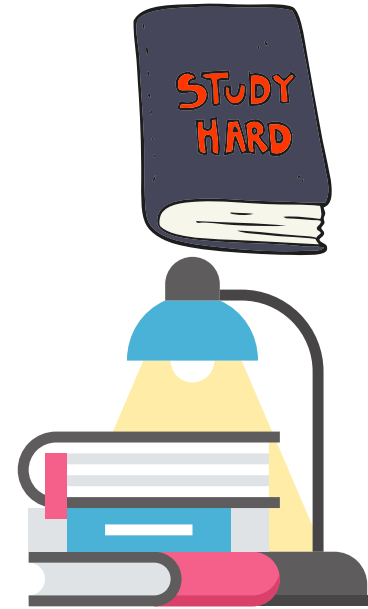
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Answer key



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