

Grammar

Practice A

It's a very busy time at the office, so the manager asked the staff to work on Saturday morning. Report the answers the staff gave him.

1. Susan said, "I can't work on Saturday because I am having my car fixed and won't be able to get here."

Susan said that she couldn't work on Saturday because she was having her car fixed and wouldn't be able to get there.

2. Mary Ann said, "I have made other arrangements, and I can't change them now."

3. Ted explained, "I'll be out of town. I'm taking my children to see their grandparents."

4. Stanley complained, "I'm too tired. I need Saturday and Sunday to relax."

5. Steve insisted, "I'll work on Saturday morning, but only if I get paid double."

6. Kate wondered, "Why do I have to come in if the others aren't?"

Practice B

Look at the voicemail messages. Write what each person said using reported speech.

1. CINDY: This is Cindy from the dentist's office. I'm calling to remind you that you have a dental appointment tomorrow at ten o'clock.

Cindy called from the dentist's office. She was calling to remind you that you have a dental appointment tomorrow at ten o'clock.

2. JANET: Hi, it's Janet. I just want to say hello. I'll call you later.

3. KEN: My name is Ken Stevens. I've been trying to reach you to talk about the new work schedule. My number is 678-555-9542. Please call me back. Thanks.

4. TONY: This is Tony from the Travel Shop. Your tickets will be ready tomorrow. If you'd like us to mail them to you, we can send them by regular mail or express mail. Let me know.

5. JIM: Hey, it's Jim. My boss gave me two tickets for the Wild Rockers concert next week. Do you want to go with me?

6. MOTHER: It's Mom. I called you at work and you weren't there. I've been calling you at home, but there's no answer. Where are you? I'm worried. Please call me.

Reading

A. Read the text.

Let's Shop!

Julia Choi, 22, loves Hello Kitty. She **shows off** the popular Japanese cartoon character—a white kitten with a pink hair bow—everywhere in her apartment. She has pens and pencils, clothing, towels, a shower curtain, dishes, clocks, a TV/DVD player, a computer, and over 300 stuffed animals. She picks up a pink guitar. “I saved up for a year to buy this. The store sold out of them in two hours. I bought it online.”



What's her excuse for buying so many Hello Kitty items? “I don't need an excuse,” she says. “I love Hello Kitty. Having Hello Kitty things around me makes me feel good. It's my money.” Will she ever quit collecting? “Probably not,” she **admits**. “If I get married, I'll spend less money on Hello Kitty. But I won't give her up. I can't do without her. If someone marries me, he'll marry my collection, too.”

Matt Anderson, 21, doesn't just collect one thing. He'll buy anything if he likes it. His apartment is filled with his purchases. “If I'm in a store, and I see a cool watch, I'll buy it. If I see a pair of jeans or T-shirt that look great, I'll get them,” he explains. “Last week, I bought a backpack over the Internet. I know the company **ripped me off**—it was an expensive bag and poor quality. But I liked the color, so I kept it.” He worries, though. “I can spend my whole paycheck in a week. I do worry sometimes that I'll **wind up broke**. I'd like to cut back on buying things. And my roommate might kick me out if I don't get rid of some stuff. The apartment is pretty full.”



Julia and Matt have different spending personalities. “Self-expressive buyers” like Julia, collect things that reflect their personality. “Impulsive buyers” like Matt, don't plan their purchases, and they shop without self-control.

- Glossary:**
- show off (v.) to display proudly** (อวด)
 - admit (v.) to agree unwillingly that something is true** (ยอมรับ)
 - rip off (v.) to cheat something out of an objects true value** (คิดราคาแพงเกินไป)
 - wind up (v.) to be in an unpleasant situation after a lot has happened** (ลงเอย)
 - broke (adj.) having no money at all** (ไม่มีเงิน, หมดตัว)

B. Underline all the sentences in direct speech. Select some of them and write them in indirect speech below.

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| 1. Julia <u>said she had saved up . . .</u> | 5. She _____ |
| 2. She _____ | 6. She _____ |
| 3. She _____ | 7. She _____ |
| 4. She _____ | 8. She _____ |

C. Answer the questions.

1. Why does Julia buy so many *Hello Kitty* items?

2. What does she mean when she says “If someone marries me, he’ll marry my collection, too.”?

3. What kinds of things does Matt collect?

4. What does he worry about?

5. What is the difference between a “self-expressive buyer” and an “impulse buyer”?

6. Are you a “self-expressive” or “impulse” buyer?
