CORRECTIONS TO ACTIVITY 30

Change the sentences to reported speech.

1. “The suppliers will not be bringing any commodities to our shops this week. ” said the traders.

The traders said that the suppliers would not be taking any commodities to their shops that week.

2. The addresser said, “I shall be posting my letters in the evening today. ”

The addresser said that she would be posting her letters in the evening that day.

3. “We shall not be sitting for examinations. ” said the truants.

The truants said that they would not be sitting for examinations.

4. The police officers said, “We shall be arresting all the suspects this month.”

The police officers said that they would be arresting all the suspects that month.

5. The herdsmen said, “We shall be taking the animals to the abattoir this evening. ”

The herdsmen said that they would be taking the animals to abattoir that evening.

Change the sentences to direct speech.

6. The Disc Jockey said that he would be playing pop music at Tom’s birthday party.

The Disc Jockey said, “I shall be playing pop music at Tom’s birthday party. ”

7. Mary said that her mother would be baking cookies in the afternoon.

“My mother will be baking cookies in the afternoon, ” said Mary.

8. The Reverend said that the choir would be singing hymns at the vigil that evening.

The Reverend said, “The choir will be singing hymns at the vigil this evening. ”

THE END

LESSON 31

REPORTING QUESTIONS

We have two ways of beginning questions.

a) With helping verbs / modal verbs

b) With interrogative words

Questions beginning with helping or modal verbs.

N.B.

We use if or whether as the conjunctions when changing questions to reported speech.

Examples.

1. “Are you sick, Maria? ” John asked.

John wanted to know from Maria if she was sick.

2. The neighbour asked, “Can John ride a bicycle?”

The neighbour asked whether John could ride a bicycle.

3. “Did you eat anything yesterday? ” the mother asked him.

The mother asked him if he had eaten something the previous day.

4. The head teacher Asked, “Secretary, has the bursar come to school today? ”

The head teacher wanted to know from the secretary whether the bursar had gone to school that day.

5. “Shall we sit for PLE this year? ” the candidates inquired.

The candidates inquired if they would sit for PLE that year.

6. “Is the baby sleeping now? ” asked Juliet.

Juliet asked whether the baby was sleeping then.

7. “Does the visitor eat mukene, mother? asked Nabirye.

Nabirye wanted to know from her mother if the visitor ate mukene.

ACTIVITY

Change the sentences to reported speech.

1. “Do you know my name? ” asked David.

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2. The teacher inquired, “Is Jane present today?”

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3. “Have the boys bathed yet?” asked the matron.

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4. “Are the men digging the grave now?” asked the Reverend.

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5. “Will you bake wedding cakes tomorrow, Daphine?” Moses asked.

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6. The father asked, “Have the children been downloading the work today?”

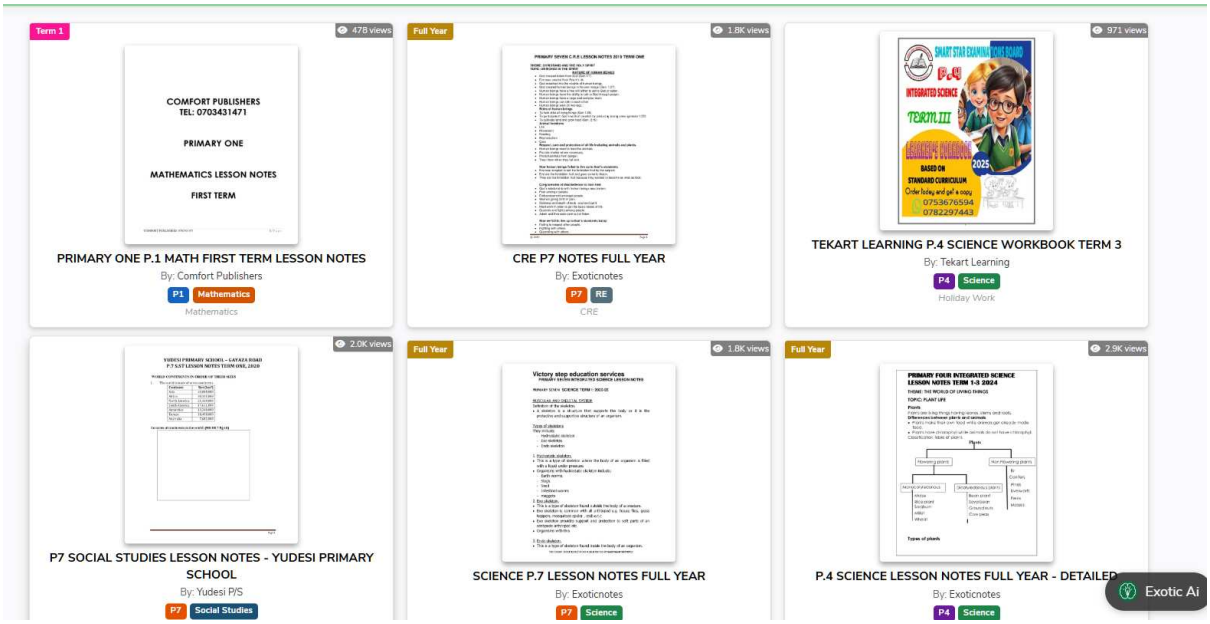
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7. “Must we go to the butcher’s today, Mummy? ” inquired the sons.

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THE END

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