

Solutions

REPORTED SPEECH - EXERCISE C

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Turn the following sentences into reported speech:

1. Conan Doyle said, "I'M fed up with Sherlock Holmes"

Conan Doyle said (that) he was fed up with Sherlock Holmes.

2. Conan Doyle admitted, "I'M very proud of Sherlock Holmes"

Conan Doyle admitted (that) he was very proud of Sherlock Holmes.

3. One Holmes fan said, "Since his accident, Mr. Holmes has not been quite the same".

One Holmes fan said (that) since his accident, Mr. Holmes had not been / hadn't been quite the same.

4. Payne said, "We love to say the books were written by Holmes"

Payne said (that) they loved to say the books had been written / 'd been written by Holmes.

5. Payne admitted, "this pretence is all part of the fun".

Payne admitted (that) that pretence was all part of the fun.

6. John said, "it is the best detective story I've ever read".

John said (that) it was the best detective story he had ever read / 'd ever read.

7. The thief confessed, "I stole the money".

The thief confessed (that) he had stolen / 'd stolen the money.

8. My friend told me, "I am going to go to London tomorrow".

My friend told me (that) he was going to go to London the following day / the day after.

9. George decided, " I must write a letter to my uncle".

I decided (that) he had to write / 'd to write a letter to his uncle.

10. The teacher mentioned, "You will have an exam at the end of the year"

The teacher mentioned (that) I would have / 'd have an exam at the end of the year.