

12. "Turn off the TV." → Mum ____ me to turn off the TV.
a) said
b) told
c) spoke
d) talked
13. "Bring your books tomorrow." → The teacher told us ____ our books the next day.
a) bringing
b) brought
c) to bring
d) bring
14. "Stop talking!" → He told the students ____ talking.
a) stopped
b) stopping
c) stop
d) to stop
15. "Eat your vegetables." → Mum told the child ____ his vegetables.
a) to eat
b) eating
c) ate
d) eat
16. "Go to bed." → Dad told the children ____ to bed.
a) going
b) to go
c) went
d) go
17. "Wake up early." → She told him ____ up early.
a) waking
b) woke
c) to wake
d) wake
18. "Put on your coat." → She told the boy ____ on his coat.
a) putting
b) puts
c) put
d) to put
19. "Take a seat." → The interviewer ____ me to take a seat.
a) told
b) said
c) spoke
d) talked
20. "Show me your passport." → The officer told the traveller ____ her his passport.
a) showing
b) to show
c) showed
d) show



Answers

1. c) to close
2. a) to sit
3. d) to write
4. b) to be
5. c) told
6. d) to stand
7. a) to hurry up
8. b) to listen
9. c) to wait
10. d) to finish
11. a) to clean
12. b) told
13. c) to bring
14. d) to stop
15. a) to eat
16. b) to go
17. c) to wake
18. d) to put
19. a) told
20. b) to show



Explanations

1. “to close” (c)

In reported commands, we use 'tell + object + to + infinitive'. The command 'Close' becomes 'to close'. No tense backshift is needed.

2. “to sit” (a)

The command 'Sit down' is reported as 'to sit down'. We use 'tell + object + to + infinitive' for commands.

3. “to write” (d)

The command 'Write' becomes 'to write' in reported speech. The pronoun 'your' changes to 'my' because we report from the listener's perspective.

4. “to be” (b)

The imperative 'Be careful' is reported as 'to be careful'. Even the verb 'be' follows the same pattern: tell + object + to + infinitive.

5. “told” (c)

For reported commands, we use 'told' (not 'said'). 'Said' cannot be followed by an object + infinitive. Also note: 'here' changes to 'there' and 'come' changes to 'go' because the reporter is not at the same location as the original speaker.

6. “to stand” (d)

The command 'Stand up' becomes 'to stand up' in reported speech. We always use the infinitive form after 'tell + object'.

7. “to hurry up” (a)

The command 'Hurry up!' is reported as 'to hurry up'. Phrasal verbs keep their particle in reported commands: tell + object + to + verb + particle.

8. “to listen” (b)

The command 'Listen carefully' becomes 'to listen carefully'. The adverb 'carefully' stays in the same position after the infinitive.

9. “to wait” (c)

The command 'Wait outside' is reported as 'to wait outside'. The pattern is always: tell + object + to + infinitive.

10. “to finish” (d)

The command 'Finish' becomes 'to finish' in reported speech. 'Your' changes to 'my' because the person reporting is the one who received the command.

11. “to clean” (a)

The command 'Clean' is reported as 'to clean'. This follows the standard pattern: tell + object + to + infinitive.

12. “told” (b)

We use 'told' for reported commands. 'Said' does not take an object before the infinitive (*said me is wrong). 'Spoke' and 'talked' cannot introduce reported commands.

13. “to bring” (c)

The command 'Bring' becomes 'to bring'. Note the time shift: 'tomorrow' changes to 'the next day' in reported speech, and 'your' changes to 'our'.

14. “to stop” (d)

The command 'Stop talking!' is reported as 'to stop talking'. After 'tell + object', we use 'to + infinitive'.

15. “to eat” (a)

The command 'Eat' becomes 'to eat'. 'Your' changes to 'his' because we are reporting what Mum said to the child (a boy).

16. “to go” (b)

The command 'Go to bed' is reported as 'to go to bed'. The infinitive form 'to go' follows the standard reported command pattern.

17. “to wake” (c)

The command 'Wake up early' becomes 'to wake up early'. The phrasal verb 'wake up' keeps its particle in the reported form.

18. “to put” (d)

The command 'Put on your coat' becomes 'to put on his coat'. 'Your' changes to 'his' because we report from outside the conversation.

19. “told” (a)

We use 'told' to report commands and instructions. 'Said' cannot be followed by a person + infinitive (*said me to take is wrong).

20. “to show” (b)

The command 'Show me your passport' becomes 'to show her his passport'. 'Me' changes to 'her' (the officer is female) and 'your' changes to 'his' (the traveller's) in reported speech.