

Reported speech

Read the dialogue given below and then complete the passage that follows.

1. Interviewer: So, why do you want to be a computer programmer?

Ravi: Well, I have always been interested in computers.

Interviewer: I see. Do you have any experience?

Ravi: No, but I'm a fast learner.

Interviewer: What kind of a computer do you use?

Ravi: Computer? Uhm, let me see. I can use a Mac. I also used Windows 10 once.

Interviewer: That's good.

Ravi recently attended an interview for the selection of a computer programmer. At the interview, he was asked

(a) To this question he replied that he wanted to change his job because
(b) When the interviewer asked him (e) he replied that he
(d) Finally, the interviewer wanted to know (e) Ravi
replied that he could use a Mac and had also used Windows 10 once in the past. The
interviewer seemed to be pleased with his answers.

Answers:

- (a) why he wanted to be a computer programmer
- (b) he had always been interested in computers
- (c) whether he had any experience
- (d) didn't but that he was a fast learner
- (e) the kind of computer he used

2. Sunita: Tomorrow is your birthday, what do you want as a gift?

Neetu: That is a lovely thought but I don't want anything.

Sunita asked Neetu since the next day was her birthday, (a) Neetu replied that (b) but (c)

Answers:

- (a) what she wanted as a gift

- (b) that was a lovely thought
- (c) she did not want anything.

3. Gardener: Did you water the plant today?

DGardener: Then tomorrow I will get a sapling of sunflower.

The Gardener asked Dev (a) Dev replied negatively but (b) Then the gardener said that (c)

Answers:

- (a) if/whether he had watered the plant that day.
- (b) said he would that day.
- (c) he would get a sapling of a sunflower the next day.

4. Teacher: Children, let us all pledge to save trees.

Children: Yes, mam, we all pledge to save our trees as the trees are the lungs of the city.

Teacher: Let us start today by planting a sapling.

The teacher asked all the children to pledge to save trees. The children replied affirmatively (a) as the (b) Then the teacher said that (c)

Answers:

- (a) saying that they all pledged to save trees
- (b) trees are the lungs of the city.
- (c) they should start by planting a sapling that day.

5. Buddha : Honesty is the best policy.

Disciple : Does honesty always pay?

Buddha : It may or may not, but at least you will never feel guilty.

Buddha in his preaching said that (a) the best policy. A disciple asked him if (b) always pays, Buddha replied (c) but at least he would never feel guilty.

Answers:

- (a) Honesty is
- (b) honesty
- (c) that it might or might not

