

Lesson

10

„The End“

photo © Paha_L – FOTOLIA

Dialogue 10

Brian: Linda, why do you look so sad?

Linda: My sister is very sad. She says, she would like to break up with her boyfriend. He told her yesterday that he had met another girl three days ago on the set. He meant, he could not understand it, but he would still like to stay with my sister. Typical male! My sister thinks that he should leave her alone!

Brian: My friend has a similar problem. We talked yesterday and he said that he missed his girlfriend friend from Sweden so much. He said that he had not heard anything from her in 3 days. They got to know each other just before his departure. My friend said that she had not been very happy about his journey to London. He asked her in his last SMS whether she still liked him...

Linda: Hmmm I do not know, what could be done. Men are said to be very difficult. Hahaha...

Brian: As a man you are not asked either ... You are simply born... Hahaha....

Linda: Stop! Men are still better educated today in many countries and served by women. For thousands of years, everything has been made for them by us.

Brian: That's now in the past! The doors are now opened for women and women have been lifted up... Hahaha. No, you are right. Some women are paid really badly. But what can be done, so that women are not discriminated against any more?

Linda: I know that not a whole lot has changed, and still some mistakes are made. Women and men – a never-ending story. That is how history began and no one knows, how it will finish!

👁 Grammar 10 A: Reported Speech

Direct Speech:	Indirect (Reported) Speech:
Reporting verb is present in direct speech: e. g. Tim says: "I am tired."	→ Reporting verb is present in indirect speech: e. g. Tim says (that) he is tired" (only pronoun changes!)
Reporting verb is past in direct speech: e. g. Tim said: "I am tired today."	→ Reporting verb is past in indirect speech: e. g. Tim said (that) he was tired that day" (pronoun, adverb and tense change!). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present form in direct speech changes to past. • Past form in direct speech changes to past perfect. • Present perfect form in direct speech changes to past perfect. • Future form in direct speech changes to conditional 1. Attention: If something is still true, you do not need to change the verb!
Direct questions and direct orders (Examples): She asked me: "Are you going to come to my party?" He told me: "Stop!"	→ Indirect questions and indirect orders (Examples): She asked me if I was going to her party. He told me to stop.

👁 Grammar 10 B: Passive Forms

Active:	Passive:
An active verb is used to express what the subject does:	A passive verb is used to express what happens to the subject (form of "to be" + past participle):
Tenses with example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Tense: "He opens the door". • Present Perfect Tense: "He has opened the door". • Past Tense: "He opened the door". • Past Perfect Tense: "He had opened the door". • Future Tense "will": "He will open the door". • Future Tense "going to": "He is going to open the door". 	Tenses with example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Tense: "The door is opened by him". • Present Perfect Tense: "The door has been opened by him". • Past Tense: "The door was opened by him". • Past Perfect Tense: "The door had been opened by him". • Future Tense "will": "The door will be opened by him". • Future Tense "going to": "The door is going to be opened by him".

Exercise 10 A

Fill in the correct form of the reported speech. Choose from this box:
been could had had had heard leave like like liked met missed should would would

Brian: Linda, why do you look so sad? Linda: My sister is very sad. She says, she _____ to break up with her boyfriend. He told her yesterday that he _____ another girl three days ago on the set. He meant, he _____ not understand it, but he _____ still _____ to stay with my sister. Typical male! My sister thinks that he _____ her alone! Brian: My friend has a similar problem. We talked yesterday and he said that he _____ his girlfriend friend from Sweden so much. He said that he _____ not _____ anything from her in 3 days. They got to know each other just before his departure. My friend said that she _____ not _____ very happy about his journey to London. He asked her in his last SMS whether she still _____ him...

Exercise 10 B

Fill in the correct passive form of the verb. Choose from this box:
are are are are are are are are asked be be been been born can could discriminated done done educated have has lifted made made opened paid said served

Linda: Hmm I do not know, what _____ . Men _____ to be very difficult. Hahaha... Brian: As a man you _____ not _____ either ... You _____ simply _____... Hahaha.... Linda: Stop! Men _____ still better _____ today in many countries and _____ by women. For thousands of years, everything _____ for them by us. Brian: That's now in the past! The doors _____ now _____ for women and women _____ up... Hahaha. No, you are right. Some women _____ really badly. But what _____ , so that women _____ not _____ against any more? Linda: I know that not a whole lot has changed, and still some mistakes _____ . Women and men – a never-ending story. That is how history began and no one knows, how it will finish!