

UNIT 37 transforming spoken sentences with time frame

When transforming spoken sentences with time frame, not only must you take note of the tenses and the pronouns, remember to note that words which denote time frame would have to be changed.

Some examples are

– yesterday	=>	the day before
– tomorrow	=>	the day after / the following day
– last week	=>	the week before
– next week	=>	the week after
– now	=>	then
– here	=>	there
– this	=>	that

Example A

"I'll be working tonight," Arthur told his parents.

Answer

Arthur told his parents that he would be working that night.

NOTE:

'Arthur told his parents' are words given in the answer. 'I'll be' is replaced by 'he would be'. Note that an abbreviation in the given sentence (in this case 'I'll') will have to be replaced with an appropriate verb in the answer that is not an abbreviation. 'tonight' is replaced with 'that night'.

Example B

"I will be going to New York for a vacation this year," Anthony told us.

Answer

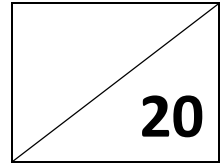
Anthony told us that he would be going to New York for a vacation that year.

NOTE:

'Anthony told us' are words given in the answer. 'I will be going' is replaced with 'he would be going'. 'this year' is replaced with 'that year'.

EXERCISE

For each question, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).



1. "I asked him over to dinner last week," Mandy told Leo.
Mandy told Leo _____

2. "We celebrated Grandma's birthday at this restaurant last month," Eugene told Agnes.
Eugene told Agnes _____

3. "I'm on my way now," Xavier announced.
Xavier announced _____

4. "Patrick will be here tomorrow evening," Lex told me.
Lex told me _____

- *5. "I booked the tour two days ago and will be collecting the tickets tomorrow," Felicia told her husband.
Felicia told her husband _____

6. "I don't want my laundry this afternoon, I want it now," Mr Lee told the staff at the laundry.
Mr Lee told the staff at the laundry mart _____

7. "How old will Nelly be next year?" Mrs Ong asked me.
Mrs Ong asked me _____

8. "Mindy walked by a minute ago," Mrs Chandra told Harry.
Mrs Chandra told Harry _____

9. "You can leave it here so you won't have to bring it again tomorrow," Eric told Jansen.
Eric told Jansen _____
