Direct and Reported Speech

Turn the direct speech into reported speech. Remember reported speech (also called Indirect Speech) is used to communicate what someone else said, but without using the exact words. A few changes are necessary; often a pronoun has to be changed and the verb is usually moved back a tense, where possible. EG: He said that he was going to come

- 1. "I hate you," she whispered.
- 2. "Did you find it in the tunnel?" she asked.
- 3. "Let's find the others," he suggested.
- 4. "That's not fair!" he exclaimed
- 5. She asked, "How did you know?"
- 6. "Mending the washing machine," he said, "is a specialist occupation."
- 7. "It's the last football match of the season," he moaned.
- 8. "Close the door, it's freezing in here!" shouted Mum.
- 9. Mary said, "I'm going up to my room to watch the telly."
- 10. "How many days are there until Christmas?" asked Mark.

Extension - Now check through your work. Make sure you have written your reported speech in the correct tense.