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**Extra Grammar Exercises****(Unit 5, page 55)****LESSON 2 Indirect speech: Say and tell—tense changes****1 Circle the correct verb.**

1. We (told / said) our classmates to be on time for the meeting.
2. No one (said / told) us what had happened.
3. When I arrived at the school, they (said / told) me the air conditioning wasn't working.
4. The newspaper article (said / told) there was a flu epidemic in several southern states of the U.S.
5. My friend from Mexico called and (said / told) us there had been a landslide in the town next to hers.
6. It (says / tells) that a lot of trees fell down in the hurricane.
7. They (said / told) the class that a typhoon and a hurricane are the same kind of storm.

**2 Correct the errors in the statements.**

1. The newspaper told that there was a terrible storm.  
*The newspaper said (that) there had been a terrible storm. The newspaper told us (that) there had been a terrible storm.*
2. My friend Anna said me that she was sick today.  
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3. I told I will go there next week.  
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4. She said him the earthquake had hit early in the day.  
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5. The weather report told the weather would be better tomorrow.  
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**3 Write the original direct quote. Use quotation marks.**

1. They said a lot of people had died in the flood.

*"A lot of people died in the flood."*

2. My friends told me the tornado had hit before they came home.

3. Karen said the 2003 drought had been one of the worst droughts in history.

4. The National News said thousands had died of hunger in the famine.

**4 Change each statement from direct speech to indirect speech. Change the verb tense.**

1. I said, "It hasn't stopped raining yet."

*I said that it hadn't stopped raining yet.*

2. My friends in Panama told me, "The weather last week was terrible."

3. Susan said, "I'll bring food to your house for dinner."

4. Laura's children told her, "We can't take the school bus this morning."

5. He said, "I was here all last night."

6. People said, "This was the worst blizzard in 100 years."

7. The owner of the store told me, "The rug comes from Pakistan."

8. Our history professor, Mr. Green, called and said, "The hurricane damaged my parents' house, and I can't come to class today."

9. After the tornado warning, most people said, "We stayed in our basements for more than an hour."