## Chapter 17. Direct and Indirect Speech

**Exercise 1**. Look at this cartoon and then fill in the blanks:







- 1. Gaurav observed that \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Kapil asked him what he proposed to do. Gaurav suggested \_\_\_\_\_

3. But Kapil pointed out \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Gaurav advised him \_\_\_\_\_



**Exercise 2**. Put the given sentences into reported speech. Use the reporting verb given in the brackets: Example. • Policeman to driver: Show me your driving licence. (command) The policeman commanded the driver to show him his driving licence. 1. Children to their mother : Please allow us to play. (beg) 2. Sumi's friend to Sumi : Don't despair. Try again. (urge) 3. Ram Chand's wife to Ram Chand : Please give up smoking. (plead) 4. Employer to assistant : Don't use the office phone for personal calls. (warn) : Switch off the oven after ten 5. Anju's mother to Anju minutes. (remind) 6. Doctor to a patient : Get up early and go for a morning walk. (advise)

**Exercise 3.** Read this dialogue between the teacher and some students and fill in the blanks below:

- **Teacher**: We're celebrating our Annual Day next month. We're planning to present a ballet on this occasion.
- **Rachit** : Have you selected the ballet, Ma'am?
- **Teacher**: Yes. We've selected a ballet on the theme of national integration. Is anyone interested in participating?
- Aastha : Do give me a role, Ma'am. I am really interested in ballets.

The teacher informed the class 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Rachit wanted to know 2.

The teacher said that indeed they had. She told them 3. \_\_\_\_\_

and enquired 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Aastha begged her 5. \_\_\_\_\_