

Reported speech key

Sam said he had got some good news. His dream had come true. They had moved to Appleton, Wisconsin. He said his friend Helen would write to him. She had promised. She would come and see him up there some time soon. He said they could go to the lake of go hiking. The countryside was absolutely gorgeous.

His brother **Tim said** he was sure he would like it there. He was going to play on the basketball team of his new school. And in the evenings he could go out there. He didn't need a car. He could get everywhere on foot or by bike.

Their mom said the countryside was so beautiful and that she liked it there. And they could go skiing or ice-skating in winter. In summer she could even learn how to play golf.

She said they had almost finished moving into their new house. Her new school was great and she liked the students there. They had got nice shopping malls there too, so there was no need to go to the big cities and get stuck in traffic jams.

Their dad said he liked his new job. He had gone on a workshop in order to learn how to design new products. It had been interesting. The following month he would go on a short business trip to Chicago, which is not very far from their place. He had made all the arrangements.

Tim asked where he would stay in Chicago and whether they could come along sometime. Somebody had told him that Chicago was a beautiful and very interesting city. He wanted to know whether his dad had heard about the gangsters they had had there in the 1930s.

Mr. Smith answered that of course he had heard about them. Chicago had been famous, or rather infamous, for its gangsters like Al Capone. He asked Tim where he had heard about that story.

Mrs. Smith said she hoped that it wasn't as dangerous as in the 1930s anymore. She asked when he was going to leave and when he would be back. She also wanted to know if he was going to stay at a hotel. She asked him to leave his address for her.

Then she remembered she had an old friend in Chicago and she wondered why he didn't stay with her. She could call her and tell her about his trip.