

Grade 8 English First Additional Language Worksheet

Exercise on reported speech

Rewrite the following in reported speech:

The youth leader addressed his followers, "Today, I stand in front of you with a very urgent message. Last week, the teachers decided to go on strike. Learners throughout the province were not in class. They had no lessons. However, the preliminary examinations are due to begin next week. Concerned parents have said that learners must have extra lessons here starting today. This man will tell you all about them."



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Suggested Solutions

The youth leader addressed his followers saying that <u>he stood</u> in front of <u>them that</u> day with a very urgent message. <u>The previous week</u>, the teachers <u>had decided</u> to go on strike. Learners throughout the province <u>had not been</u> in class. They <u>had had</u> no lessons. However, the preliminary examinations <u>were</u> due to begin the <u>following week</u>. Concerned parents <u>had said</u> that learners must have extra lessons <u>there</u> starting <u>that day</u>. <u>That</u> man <u>would tell them</u> all about them.

Deduct ½ marks for every error until 0.