Reported and Direct Speech

Direct speech uses:

* speech marks
* the speaker’s actual words
* new speaker, new line
* Narration about who said it can go **before, after** or **in amongst** the speaker’s actual words.

Now use these rules to turn the following short reports into direct speech.

**Think about the words which the person would have actually said. You will usually have to change the verb tense.**

1. Paul told Lily that he was really happy to see her.

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1. Katie explained that the puppies were still tiny and had not opened their eyes.

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1. Tim’s mum asked him whether he had started his homework yet.

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1. Hassan’s auntie told him to get his shoes on if he was going to go with her.

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1. The captain ordered his men to prepare themselves thoroughly and to make sure they would be ready to leave at dawn the next day.

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