Unit 10 — A Novella in Class — Teacher copy

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Niveau E

1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Reading — *Chapter 1, opening*

On the Tuesday June found the umbrella, she had already lost two other things. The first was a library book she could no longer remember the title of. The second was the courage to ask Mr. Owen what had happened to her grandmother's letters. The umbrella, by comparison, was small. But it had her grandmother's initials on the handle, and June had looked for it for three years.

Grammar — direct → reported speech

Statements — backshift the tense:

- *"I found it," she said.* → *She said (that) she had found it.*
- *"I'm tired."* → *She said she was tired.*

Questions — change to statement order, use *if/whether* for yes/no:

- *"Where is it?"* → *He asked where it was.*
- *"Did you see it?"* → *He asked if I had seen it.*

2. Practise

Niveau E — controlled

1. Direct → reported (statement): *"I found the umbrella," she said.* → ___ .
2. Direct → reported (Q): *"Where is the library?"* → ___ .

Niveau E — productive

3. Build 4 reported sentences (2 statements + 2 questions) from a chapter scene.

3. Your turn

Reading-journal entry, 150 words. After reading Chapter 1, write a journal entry: *one quote*, *one question I have*, *one prediction*, *one personal connection*. Use one direct quote and one reported version of a character's question.

Sample

One sentence in this chapter stays with me: "The umbrella, by comparison, was small." June seems to compare every object to her bigger losses, which is both touching and a bit sad. I wonder why Mr. Owen kept her grandmother's letters in the first place. He asked June if she remembered the title of the lost library book; she didn't. I predict the title will return at the end of the book and explain everything. My personal connection: I once spent two weeks looking for a single sock and never found it.

4. Further reading / listening

- Project Gutenberg — short novellas at A2/B1 level.
- BBC Bitesize — *Reported speech* practice.

5. Teacher answer key

Controlled. 1. *She said she had found the umbrella.*

2. *He asked where the library was.*

Productive. 3. Open.