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## Quote To Colligation Answer Key

### Correct Transformations

1. Maria said that she insisted **on joining** the team.
2. The students said that they had succeeded **in completing** the project.
3. John said that he apologized **for being late**.
4. The teacher told the class that they must focus **on their studies**.
5. The coach said that she was capable **of solving** the problem.
6. The players said that they relied **on teamwork** to win.
7. The guide said that we should pay attention **to the instructions**.
8. The neighbors said that they had complained **about the noise**.
9. The manager said that he would take **responsibility for his mistake**.
10. The travelers said that they had made **a decision to leave early**.

### Teacher Notes

- **Focus point:** When changing to reported speech, students often drop or change the **colligation structure** incorrectly (e.g., *apologize with* instead of *apologize for*). This activity reinforces accuracy.
- **Reported speech rules applied:**
  - **Tense backshift** where appropriate (*succeeded* → *had succeeded*).
  - **Modal changes** when needed (*will* → *would*).
  - **Retention of colligation patterns** (e.g., *insist on*, *capable of*).
- **Tip:** Have students underline the colligation in both the direct and reported forms to visualize consistency.
- **Extension idea:** Let advanced students write a short news-style report summarizing 3-4 of the sentences using reported speech and correct colligations.