

Time to practise!

1 Report what the mugger said to a friend. Complete the sentences using reported speech. Here is an example.

0 'I mugged a girl yesterday!

He said he had mugged a girl the day before.

1 'I stole her laptop.

He said _____ her laptop.

2 'I felt really terrible about stealing it.

He said _____ really terrible about stealing it.

3 'I am going to say sorry to her.'

He said _____ sorry to her.

4 'I will never mug anyone again.'

He said _____ anyone again.

2. Rewrite these sentences using reported speech. 1 'I'm really upset,' said Mrs Jones after the burglary.

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2 'The burglar went into the house through the bathroom window,' the man told the police.

3 'This is the first time I've been caught shoplifting, the woman told the manager of the shop.

4 'I was waiting on the underground platform when it happened,' said the man.

5 'Pickpockets in London can make £4000 a week by stealing wallets, smartphones and laptops,' a policeman told us.

6 'I will think about putting cameras up in the shop, the shopkeeper said after the robbery.

7 'My son is going to report the mugging to the police,' said Mrs Roberts.

3. Rewrite what the people said in direct speech. Here is an example.

o The residents asked the police if they had arrested the mugger yet.

'Have you arrested the mugger yet?'

1 The security guard told the police that he had seen the shoplifter run across the car park.

2 The shoplifter told the manager that he had never been in trouble with the police before.

3 The man told the police that nobody was living in the house next door.

4 The lawyer told the man that he would probably be sentenced to three years in prison.

5 The woman said that she was going to report the theft to the police.
