

Exercises – REPORTED SPEECH

Part A – Reporting statements

Carol's new job

Two old friends, Carol and Alex met in the street one morning. Report what they said to each other, using the correct reported speech verb forms.

ALEX Hi Carol. How are you?

CAROL I'm really happy. I've started a new job and I'm having a great time there. The work is interesting and the people are very friendly.

ALEX What's the job?

CAROL I'm doing market research. I love it.

ALEX I'm pleased for you. Listen, I have to go, but we can meet soon. It'll be nice to have a long chat about things.

CAROL Yes, I haven't seen you for ages. How about next week?

ALEX We can't meet next week because I'm going to be away. I won't be back until Friday.

CAROL Well, I'll give you a ring on Saturday.

ALEX Great. I'll wait for you to call me.

Carol said she¹ ~~was~~.....² really happy. She said that she³ a new job and that she⁴ a great time there. She said that the work⁵ interesting and that the people⁶ very friendly.

Carol said that she⁷ market research and she⁸ it. Alex said that he⁹ pleased for her. He said that he¹⁰ but that they¹¹ soon. He said that it¹² nice to have a long chat about things. Carol said that she¹³ Alex for ages.

Alex said that they¹⁴ next week because he¹⁵ away. He said that he¹⁶ back until Friday. Carol said she¹⁷ him a ring on Saturday. Alex said he¹⁸ for her to call him.

Part B – Reporting **questions.**

Rosemarie works in a tourist office. She is reporting questions that tourists asked her at work. Complete what she says.

NOTE: You can use ***if*** or ***whether*** when reporting the questions.

0. Can you find a hotel for me?

→ Someone asked me *whether I could find a hotel for him/her* .

1. What time does the museum open?

→ Someone asked me _____.

2. Will the shops be open on Sunday?

→ Someone asked me _____.

3. How much does a travel cost?

→ Someone asked me _____.

4. Did I leave an umbrella here earlier?

→ Someone asked me _____.

5. Has the festival started?

→ Someone asked me _____.

6. Where can I find a good restaurant?

→ Someone asked me _____.

7. Is it going to stop raining soon?

→ Someone asked me _____.

8. Do you like dealing with tourists?

→ Someone asked me _____.