

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.

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there. She said that the work ³ interesting and that the people
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it. Alex said that he ⁷ pleased for her. He said that he
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..... ¹⁰ nice to have a long chat about things. Carol said that she
..... ¹¹ Alex for ages.

Alex said that they ¹² next week because he ¹³
away. He said that he ¹⁴ back until Friday. Carol said she
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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 _____.