

Empower B2 U9B

1 GRAMMAR

Reported speech; Reporting verbs

- a Read the newspaper headlines and underline the correct words to complete the text.

EXCLUSIVE! Robins did NOT walk round the world!

HOW DID ROBINS DO THE WALK SO QUICKLY?

Tell us the truth!

ROBINS: 'No comment!'

Robins: 'You just want a good story!'

Robins: 'I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE!'

**EXCLUSIVE! ROBINS
USED A PRIVATE PLANE!**

Robins: 'I only
flew a short way'

Robins: 'I'll give you your money back'

WE'VE BEEN CHEATED!

Police not to take legal action

POLICE TELL ROBINS TO TELL THE TRUTH

Simon Robins was a hero when he walked around the world to raise money for charity, but journalists have now discovered ¹that he didn't do / him not doing it. Actually, Robins flew most of the way. Journalists wondered ²how had he / how he had done the walk so quickly and asked ³him to explain / that he explained. At first Robins refused ⁴to talk / talking about it, complaining ⁵that the press wanted / the press wanting just to get a good story, and completely denied ⁶to have / having anything to hide. However, journalists found out ⁷he had used / him using a private plane and finally Robins admitted ⁸to fly / flying for part of the long journey. Robins insisted ⁹he had walked / to have walked a lot of the way and promised ¹⁰to give / giving money back to people who believed ¹¹they had been / having been cheated. The police have informed ¹²that / us that they won't be taking legal action against Robins, but they have ordered ¹³that he give / him to give a full and correct account of his 'walk' around the world.

- c Complete the reported speech sentences. Use contractions where possible.

- 1 'I'm staying at home with my sister.'
Brian said he was staying at home with his sister.
- 2 'It took three hours to get there.'
Jenny told me that _____.
- 3 'It may be a problem.'
The nurse thought that _____.
- 4 'Who are you going with?'
My mum asked me _____.
- 5 'Why didn't you tell me?'
Simon wanted to know _____.
- 6 'I'm sorry I broke the vase.'
I apologised _____.