

8 Time out

GRAMMAR

reported speech



1 Complete the reported statements with pronouns.

- 1 'I love making paper planes for my little brother.'
Nathan said that loved making paper planes for little brother.
- 2 'We aren't going to your party, Kate.'
We told Kate that weren't going to party.
- 3 'We often take photos of our friends.'
They said that often took photos of friends.
- 4 'I'm making a film for my school project.'
Anna said that was making a film for school project.
- 5 'I can't find the information you need.'
Olivia told me that couldn't find the information needed.

2 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

A: Are you coming to drama class tonight?
B: No, I can't. I told my parents 1 (will) look after my little brother tonight.
A: But Dan, the drama teacher said we 2 (have to) be at the last class. She said we 3 (need) to practise the songs.
B: I know, but my parents are working. I told them it 4 (be) my last drama class, but they said they 5 (not want) Tom to be on his own.
A: Wait a minute. I can help. My brother said he 6 (want) to watch basketball on TV tonight. Perhaps you could leave Tom at my house with him?
B: That's a great idea. Tom told me they 7 (like) the same team.
A: See? I said that I 8 (can) help!

3 Read the conversations below. Then complete Maria's diary entry at the top of the page with the things they said.

Monday



Maria plays the guitar really well.



That's great! Her mum and I can't play any instruments. I'll get her a new guitar.

Tuesday



I can help to pay for the guitar.



Don't worry, Grandad's going to pay for it. He wants to help. And he loves guitar music.