

12B

Think before you speak

Gossip is what no one claims to like, but everyone enjoys.
Joseph Conrad, Polish writer

G reported speech **V** say or tell? **P** vowel + double consonant

1 GRAMMAR reported speech

a Match the direct speech to the reported speech.

1 'I work hard.'	_____	a Emma said that she had worked hard.
2 'I worked hard.'	_____	b Emma said that she could work hard.
3 'I'm working hard.'	_____	c Emma said that she would work hard.
4 'I can work hard.'	_____	d Emma said that she was working hard.
5 'I'll work hard.'	_____	e Emma said that she worked hard.

b Complete the reported speech.

Direct speech

- 1 'I want to leave my husband.'
- 2 'I don't like my wife's parents.'
- 3 'I'm getting divorced.'
- 4 'I've been to the hospital.'
- 5 'I haven't met my brother's girlfriend yet.'
- 6 'I saw James with another woman.'
- 7 'I can't cook.'
- 8 'I won't tell anyone.'
- 9 'I'll speak to my boss.'
- 10 'I have a lot of work to do.'

Reported speech

Jane said that she wanted to leave her husband.
Peter told me that he _____.
Katie told me that she _____.
Matt told me that he _____.
Susan said that she _____.
Robert said that he _____.
Lucy told me that she _____.
Martin said that he _____.
Katherine said that she _____.
My boyfriend told me that he _____.

c Write the sentences in direct speech.

- 1 Alice said she was busy.
She said: 'I'm busy.'
- 2 Amelia said that she wanted a cup of coffee.
She said: ''
- 3 They told me that they hadn't seen their new neighbours yet.
They said: ''
- 4 Steve told me that he didn't want to go to the cinema.
He said: ''
- 5 Helen and Paul said they would come to the party.
They said: ''
- 6 Fabio said that he had broken his arm.
He said: ''
- 7 The guide told me that the building was very old.
She said: ''
- 8 My friends said that they couldn't help me.
They said: ''

2 VOCABULARY say or tell?

a Circle the correct word.



- 1 They said / told us that they were getting married next month.
- 2 Did Angela say / tell you that she wasn't happy?
- 3 Janet's husband said / told that he was working late.
- 4 You said / told that you didn't like men with beards.
- 5 I said / told you that I had a new girlfriend.
- 6 We said / told that we were going away this weekend.
- 7 Did Paul say / tell that he couldn't come tonight?
- 8 I said / told Mary that you were in a meeting.
- 9 The teacher said / told that we had to do exercise 5.
- 10 You didn't say / tell me that Mike had called this morning.

b Complete the sentences with said or told.

- 1 Lucy said _____ that she'd been to a friend's house.
- 2 We _____ our parents that we wouldn't be home for lunch.
- 3 I _____ you that the man she was with wasn't her brother.
- 4 They _____ that they were going to Turkey this summer.
- 5 Jack _____ me that he didn't have a girlfriend.
- 6 You _____ that you weren't going out tonight.
- 7 James _____ that he was busy tonight.
- 8 I _____ that the film started at eight o'clock not seven o'clock.
- 9 We _____ our friends that we were going to get married.
- 10 Olivia _____ me that she'd seen Jack with another woman.

c Match 1–5 with a–e to make sentences.

- 1 My neighbour told _____
- 2 The teacher said that _____
- 3 My parents told _____
- 4 When I saw my friend, I told _____
- 5 My friend Sophie said that _____

- a her that she looked lovely in her new dress.
- b I needed to speak more in class.
- c me that he was going away for the weekend.
- d she hadn't enjoyed her holiday.
- e me that they'd always be there for me.

d Complete the sentences about things people have said to you recently, or that you have said to them. Use reported speech and say or tell.

- 1 My neighbour told me _____.
- 2 My teacher _____.
- 3 My parents _____.
- 4 When I saw my friend, I _____.
- 5 My friend _____.

3 PRONUNCIATION vowel + double consonant

a Look at the words in the square. Circle any three vowel sounds in a line that are the same. The lines can go across, down, or diagonally.

miss	bit <u>te</u> n	mid <u>de</u>	op <u>po</u> s <u>it</u> e	bor <u>ro</u> w
hur <u>ry</u>	le <u>tter</u>	w <u>ri</u> te <u>n</u>	li <u>tt</u> le	go <u>ssip</u>
happ <u>y</u>	di <u>ffe</u> re <u>n</u> t	te <u>nni</u> s	bo <u>tt</u> le	r <u>ubbish</u>
egg	ma <u>rri</u> ed	o <u>ffe</u> r	le <u>gg</u> in <u>gs</u>	fun <u>ny</u>
bag <u>g</u> age	acc <u>ide</u> n <u>t</u>	ra <u>bi</u> bit	bi <u>gg</u> er	su <u>m</u> mer

b 12.2 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

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