

Reported speech

1 ★ Fill in the gaps with *say* or *tell* in the correct form.

- 1 The actor *told* a lot of jokes.
- 2 I'd like to a few words.
- 3 I think Carie liked the film, but I can't for sure.
- 4 Excuse me, can you me the way to the Apollo Theatre?
- 5 Paul, please goodbye to Ms Smith.

2 ★★ Underline the correct tense. What were the speaker's exact words?

- 1 A: Is Max coming to the cinema with us?
B: No, he said that he **had to/is having** to go to his music lesson.
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I have to go to my music lesson.
- 2 A: Do you want me to buy a newspaper?
B: No, thanks. Luke said that he **will/ would** get one.
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- 3 A: Has Mike bought a new bike yet?
B: No, but he said that he **had seen/has seen** one he liked in the classified ads.
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- 4 A: Did Laura watch the film last night?
B: She said she **doesn't/didn't** have time.
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3 ★ Rewrite the following sentences into reported speech.

- 1 "I watched 'Fast and Furious 6' last night," Greg said to us.
*Greg told us (that) he **watched/had watched** 'Fast and Furious 6' **the night before**.*
- 2 "Have you read the review?" she said to me.
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- 3 "Don't change the channel!" he said to me.
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- 4 "When does the show start?" Kate said.
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- 5 "I am seeing a play tomorrow," she said.
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4 ★★ Complete the sentences below using reported speech, as in the example.



- 1 Linda was tired, so she *said (that) she **was going home**.*
- 2 We were late, so Mum
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- 3 I was hungry, so I
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- 4 The tickets weren't on sale yet, so the clerk.....
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- 5 I didn't see *Iron Man 3* at the cinema, but Nathan
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5 ★★ Rewrite Dave's phone conversation with Julia in direct speech in your notebooks.

Dave said that he was going to see *The Great Gatsby* at the cinema. Julia asked him if he had read the book. Dave said that he hadn't. Julia said that it was really good and she told Dave that she would lend it to him. Dave said that it was very kind of Julia.

Sentence transformations

6 ★★ Complete each sentence with two to five words, including the word in bold.

- 1 "Marin Alsop is a great violin player," Karen said. **(WAS)**
Karen said *(that) Marin Alsop **was** a great violin player.*
- 2 "Have you ever been to the opera?" she said to him. **(ASKED)**
She
..... ever been to the opera.
- 3 "Wait outside!" the guard said to us. **(TOLD)**
The guard outside.
- 4 "Which film did you watch last night?" Barry asked me. **(HAD)**
Barry asked me
..... the night before.
- 5 "Return the book by Friday," the librarian said to Tim. **(TOLD)**
The librarian
the book by Friday.