GRAMMAR

Reported Speech

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1 Choose the correct answer.

1 "I'll watch you play baseball tomorrow."
I promised my brother *I'd watch* / *I'll watch* him play baseball the next day.

2 "Lock the door."
My mum reminded me *lock* / *to lock* the door.

3 "I forgot my tennis racket."
Wendy explained that she *forgot* / *had forgotten* her tennis racket.

4 "Do you like the advanced Zumba class?"
The teacher asked us whether we *liked* / *like* the advanced Zumba class.

5 "Let's run in the park next week."
The trainer suggested that we *run* / *ran* in the park the following week.

2 Choose the correct reporting verb in brackets.

1 The coach ..... that I wear knee pads. (complained / insisted)

2 Joe ..... that he had left the match early. (mentioned / warned)

3 The policeman ..... to ban him from games if he threw a bottle again. (ordered / threatened)

4 Lucy ..... us not to make any noise. (warned / admitted)

5 I ..... that they could find all of the competition rules online. (explained / suggested)

3 Complete the sentences in reported speech. Use each reporting verb below once. There may be more than one correct answer.

complained | wondered | declared | suggested | wanted to know

1 "Is the stadium far from here?"
The tourists ..... .

2 "The water is freezing cold this morning."
The swimmers ..... .

3 "Where did the coach go yesterday?"
The footballer ..... .

4 "Let's watch a baseball game tonight."
I ..... .

5 "I'm the winner again."
She ..... .

4 A reporter attended a community meeting about a new sports centre with the mayor. Read the dialogue below. Then complete the reporter's notes using reported speech.

Mayor: Are there any questions about the new sports facility?

Woman: Yes. Why do residents have to pay such a high entrance fee?

Mayor: Well, running such a well-equipped facility costs a lot. Therefore, residents need to participate in 25% of the expenses, while the municipality will cover the rest.

Man: It's been a long time. When is the construction work going to end?

Mayor: The project will be completed next month.

The mayor asked [1] ..... any questions about the new sports facility.

A woman wanted to know [2] ..... such a high entrance fee.

The mayor claimed [3] ..... a lot. She explained [4] ..... in 25% of the expenses. She added [5] ..... the rest.

A man complained [6] ..... and enquired [7] ..... .

The mayor promised [8] ..... .

5 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. Do not change the original meaning of the sentences.

1 "Can I borrow your bike?" I asked Dave. (if)
I ..... .

2 "Run six laps around the stadium," the coach said to the team. (ordered)
The coach ..... .

3 "Do you exercise every day?" my brother asked me. (whether)
My brother wanted to know ..... .

4 "Don't swim too far from the shore!" the lifeguard warned. (us)
The lifeguard warned ..... .

5 "I may miss practice tomorrow," she said. (explained)
She ..... .

6 "We should order tickets today," Tom said. (suggested)
Tom ..... .

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