

A. VOCABULARY: Describing communication

Complete the opinions with a reporting verb from the box in the correct form.

persuade - explain - reply to - congratulate
gossip - criticize - comment - catch up with

1. "A good thing about social media is that you can read a post and then _____ on it. Other people might then _____ your comments. You get to know a lot of people that way!"
2. "I use social media to _____ people on their birthdays and to _____ my friends, to find out what's happening with them."
3. "I never _____ about people's private lives or _____ people on social media. That's not nice, and it also isn't fair."
4. "It's hard to _____ somebody to use social media if they don't like the idea. You can _____ why you like it, but they probably won't care!"

Choose the correct preposition in each sentence.

1. He never replied **with / to** my email.
2. I was informed **by / of** the problem too late.
3. We had a nice time at the family reunion. It was great to catch up **in / with** all my cousins.

B. GRAMMAR: Reported speech

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

- 1 "I haven't gotten any messages in a week."
She said that _____.
- 2 "Sorry I'm late. I didn't know where to go."
He told us _____.
- 3 "I haven't really kept in touch with Mike."
She said that _____.
- 4 "I'm trying to persuade my husband to get a dog."
She told us that _____.
- 5 "My boss criticized me for being late a couple times last week."
He explained that _____.
- 6 "I don't recall having sent that email."
He claimed that _____.

Read the conversation. Then circle the correct words. Sometimes both words are correct.

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| Emma | I like your hat. | 1 | Emma <i>said / (told)</i> Amin that she <i>likes / (liked)</i> his hat. |
| Amin | I have had it for a long time. | 2 | Amin <i>said / told</i> that he <i>has / had had</i> it for a long time. |
| Emma | Well, it's very nice. | 3 | Emma <i>said / told</i> that it <i>is / was</i> very nice. |
| Amin | I've been ill. | 4 | Amin <i>said / told</i> Emma that he <i>is / had been</i> ill. |
| Emma | I'm sorry to hear that. | 5 | Emma <i>said / told</i> that she <i>was / has been</i> sorry to hear that. |
| Amin | I still don't feel well. | 6 | Amin <i>said / told</i> that he still <i>doesn't feel / didn't feel</i> well. |