NAME: _____ DATE: _____

WHAT DID THEY SAY?



PART I Reporting Verbs (Reading)

Instructions: Read the news report adapted from The Guardian. Drag and drop the correct reporting verbs from the word bank into the blanks.

WORD BANK:

demanded I warned I stated I responded I asked

Musicians Demand Protection Against AI

(Source: The Guardian - April 2, 2024).

Over 200 famous musicians, including Billie Eilish, Nicki Minaj, and Stevie Wonder, signed an open letter about artificial intelligence. In the letter, the artists 1. _____ that technology companies stop developing AI tools to replace human creators. The document 2. _____ that the assault on human creativity had to stop. Furthermore, the musicians 3. _____ that companies were using AI to steal artists' voices and destroy the music ecosystem. The article also mentions singer Nick Cave. When a fan 4._____ him what he thought about lyrics written by ChatGPT in his style, Cave 5._____ that the song was a grotesque mockery of being human.

Part 2: Backshifting Tenses (Grammar)

Instructions: Rewrite the direct speech into reported speech by typing the missing verbs in the blanks.

Remember to shift the tenses back!

"**I am working on a new project.**"
Sarah said that she _____ on a new project.

"**We visited the museum last weekend.**"
They told me that they _____ the museum the previous weekend.

"**I will send you the files tomorrow.**"
Mark promised that he _____ me the files the next day.

"**I can't attend the meeting.**"
Elena explained that she _____ attend the meeting.

"**Have you finished the report?**"
My boss asked me if I _____ the report.



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PART 3 (Vocabulary)

Instructions: Match each reporting verb on the left with its correct meaning and usage on the right. Draw a line to connect them.



CLAIM	To say something is true, even if other people might not believe it or there is no proof yet
DEMAND	To tell someone about a possible danger or problem so they can avoid it
WARN	To make a firm, official decision or statement about something you will definitely do
PROMISE	To agree (often reluctantly) that something is true, especially a mistake or secret
ADMIT	To ask for something very forcefully, as if you have a right to it
EXPLAIN	To make an idea or situation clear by giving details or reasons



Part 4: Voice Report (Speaking)

Instructions: Click the microphone icon and record a 20-30 second audio response. Imagine you just interviewed a famous person (actor, athlete, or musician). Report two interesting facts they told you during the interview.



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PART 5

INSTRUCTIONS: Listen next statements twice and answer the questions wth the correct Reported Speech tense. What did each person said?

1.

a) He said that they visit their grandparents last week

b) He said that they had visited their grandparents the previous weekend

2..

a) Alex said that he had fnished her science project

b) He said that he's finish his science project



3.

a) He said that he didn't like horror movies

b) Max said he doesn't like horror movies

4.

a)Diego said that he was cooking dinner when I called

b) Diego said that he was cook dinner when I called

5.

a) Daniel said that his brother can played the guitar

b) He said that his brother could play the guitar

6.

a) Sergio said that he would buy a new phone the next day

b) Sergio said that he will bought a new phone tomorrow



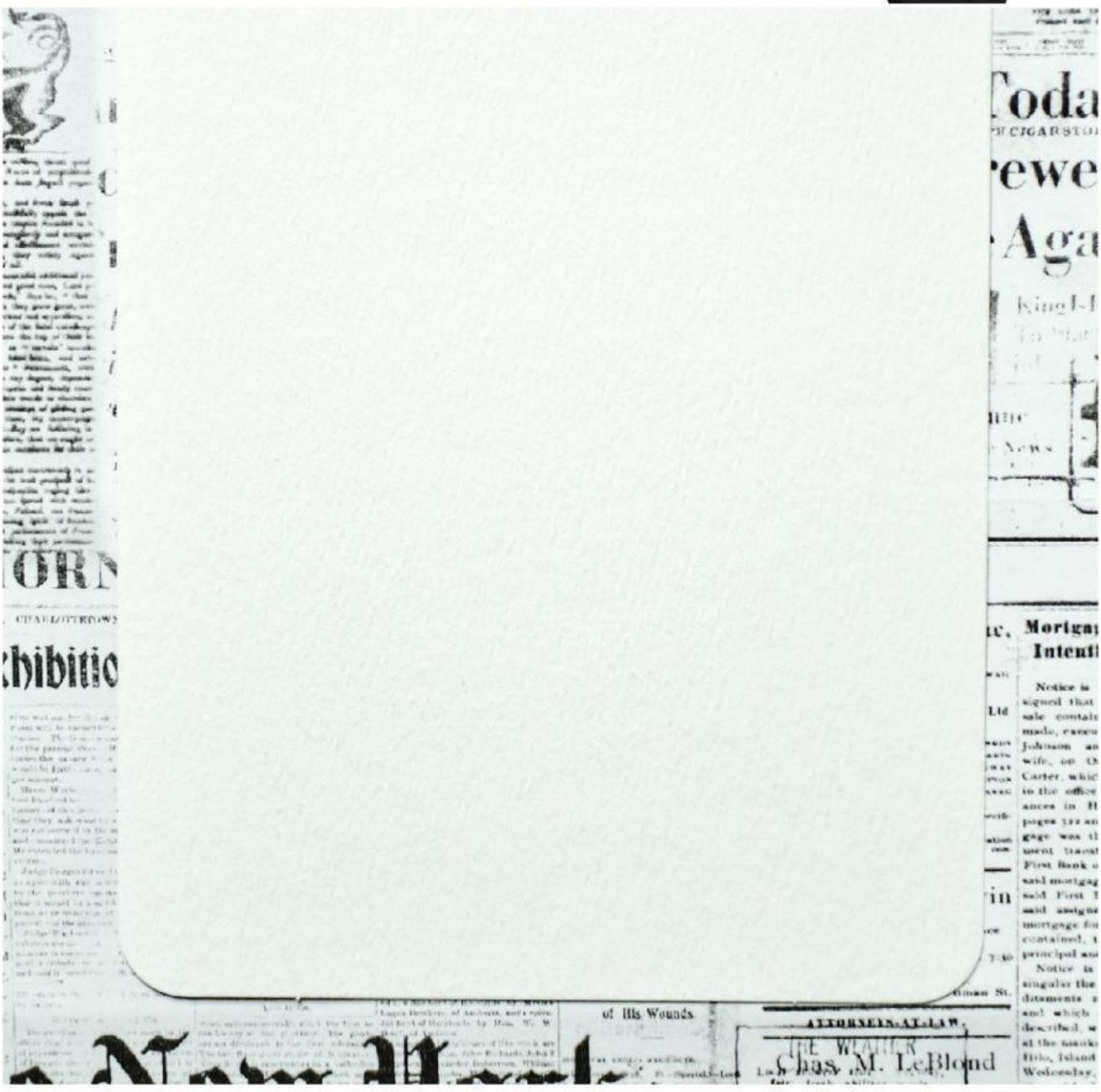
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PART 6 (writing)

You're a reporter and you're going to write an article about gentrification for a magazine. Use Reported Speech with the next statements. Write between 120-150 words.

1. Mrs. Lopez: "My rent is getting higher."
2. Mia: "We will organize a community meeting."
3. Alex: "I visit the park every weekend and all is getting expensive"
4. Daniel: "Some families cannot afford these prices."





EXTRA RESOURCES

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