TELL ME WHAT THEY SAID

REPORTED SPEECH

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

Level: B1 Skills: Listening, Reading, Speaking, Writing

Focus: Grammar and Vocabulary

Goal: By the end, you will be able to report what other people said, asked, or told you to do.

Reading Comprehension

Instructions: Read the news report Adapted from The Guardian (November 19, 2026). Then, decide if the statements below are True (T) or False (F) based on what the IMF director actually said.

Adapted from The Guardian – November 19, 2026

During the 2026 Apec summit in Shenzhen, Kristalina Georgieva, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), spoke to world leaders about the global economy. Georgieva told the summit that while the impact of conflict in the Middle East would eventually end, artificial intelligence was "forever." She said that the high demand for AI hardware and technology products was pushing up consumer prices around the world. Furthermore, she warned that these factors would push global inflation to 4.7% this year. However, she added that the rapid growth of AI was also helping several countries achieve stronger economic growth than expected.



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Choose True or False

Kristalina Georgieva told leaders that artificial intelligence would only be a temporary trend.
[True / False]

She said that the high demand for AI technology was making consumer prices go up.
[True / False]

She warned that global inflation would drop below 2% this year.
[True / False]

She added that AI was helping some economies grow faster than expected.
[True / False]



Vocabulary - Reporting Verbs

Instructions: Match each reporting verb on the left with its correct definition on the right.

Reporting Verb	Meaning
1.warn	A. To give extra information that supports what you just said.
2. add	B. To say something is true, often without proof, or to state a right.
3. deny	C. To tell someone about a possible danger or future problem.
4. suggest	D. To say that something is not true or that you did not do it.
5. claim	E. To mention an idea or plan for other people to consider. I



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Grammar - Direct to Reported Speech

Instructions: Complete the second sentence so that it reports what each person said. Pay attention to verb tenses and time expressions!



"I am preparing my presentation for tomorrow."

Alex told me that he _____ his presentation for the next day.

"We saw a great documentary last night."

They said that they _____ a great documentary the night before.

"I will call you as soon as I land."

Maria promised that she _____ me as soon as she landed.



"You must wear a helmet on the motorcycle."

The instructor warned us that we _____ wear a helmet on the motorcycle

"Where did you buy those headphones?"

My friend asked me where I _____ those headphones.

Speaking

Instructions: Click the microphone icon and record a short voice message. Tell a friend about the best piece of advice someone has ever given you, reporting what they told you and why it helped you. (20-30 seconds)
(Example: "Last year, my coach told me that I shouldn't give up when things got difficult...")



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Writing

Instructions: Imagine you attended a meeting with your school principal or company manager. Write a short email to an absent classmate/colleague summarizing three important announcements made during the meeting. Use at least three different reporting verbs (e.g., announced, explained, reminded, warned, promised). 50–70 words



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PART 2. LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen carefully to the audio about astronaut Scott Kelly's mission aboard the International Space Station. Then, answer the six questions below according to the information you hear. You may listen to the audio more than once if necessary.



1. Multiple choice. How many days did Scott Kelly spend aboard the International Space Station?

■ a) 180 days ■ b) 340 days ■ c) 365 days

2. True or False. Scott Kelly and his twin brother, Mark Kelly, were both astronauts.

Answer: ■ True ■ False

3. Matching. Match the word with its correct meaning.

Word	Meaning
1. Pollution	A. The natural world around us
2. Environment	B. Harmful substances in air, water, or land

4. Gap fill. Complete the sentence with the missing word.

NASA hopes the knowledge gained from the mission will help prepare for future missions to _____.

5. Reported speech. Choose the correct verb to complete the sentence.

Scott said that he _____ in spaceflight.

■ a) believes ■ b) believed ■ c) believing

6. Short answer. How did taking photographs of Earth change Scott Kelly's perspective?

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Remember: *Check your answers before submitting your worksheet.*



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