



REPORTED SPEECH



You are going to hear a radio interview. Rachel, a reporter in a studio, is talking to a man called James Baker, who is sailing around the world in a yacht race. What do you think she is asking him?

Listen and check if you were right.

Later, Rachel tells a colleague about the conversation. Read what Rachel says, then listen again and fill in the gaps with James's actual words.

1 Rachel: James told me he was about 100 kilometres off the coast of Australia.
James: "I _____ about 100 kilometres off the coast of Australia."

6 Rachel: He told me the sea was calm, the sun was shining.
James: "The sea _____ calm, the sun _____."

2 Rachel: He said he hadn't seen another boat for a few days.
James: "I _____ another boat for a few days."

7 Rachel: He said that he could sometimes see sharks and dolphins swimming.
James: "I _____ sometimes see dolphins and sharks swimming."

3 Rachel: He said he thought he might win..
James: "I _____ win."

8 Rachel: He said he would spend two hours in a hot bath.
James: "I _____ two hours in a hot bath."

4 Rachel: He said there had been a terrible
James: "There _____ a terrible storm."

9 Rachel: He said he had to get his hair cut.
James: "I _____ my hair cut."

5 Rachel: He said hadn't slept for three days.
James: "I _____ for three days."

Complete the questions that Rachel asked. Then listen and check.

- 1 I asked him where he was. "Where _____?"
- 2 I asked him if he thought he was going to win. "Do you _____ to win?"
- 3 I asked him what the weather was like. "What _____ like?"
- 4 I asked him if he could see dolphins there. "_____ dolphins there?"

You talk to a friend on the phone. This is what he says.

- 1 "I've given up my job".
- 2 "I can easily find a new one."
- 3 "I'm going to travel around Africa."
- 4 "I lived there as a child."
- 5 "I might get a part-time job there."
- 6 "I'm packing my bag."
- 7 "I'm really excited."
- 8 "I'll be away for a year."
- 9 "I may stay longer."
- 10 "You could come too."



After your conversation with Luke, you tell another friend what he said.

Change the verbs above to complete the sentences below.

1 He said he _____.

2 He said he _____.

3 He said he _____.

4 He said he _____.

5 He said he _____.

6 He said he _____.

7 He said he _____.

8 He said he _____.

9 He said he _____.

10 He said I _____.