

UNIT 7.2 LET'S PRACTISE HOW TO REPORT

Reported Speech – statements

SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

- 1 Put the words in the correct order to complete the conversation between Mum, Dad and Kristy.

D: Kirsty, please tell me we are not watching *The X Factor*.

K: You ¹ _____ (watch / said / could / I) it tonight.

D: No, I ² _____ (could / you / watch / said) it upstairs.

K: Dad!

D: What? The other day I ³ _____ (I / television / said / was / taking back / my) on Saturday nights. I want to watch the Grand Prix.

K: Mum! *The X Factor* has started!

D: Kirsty! Last Saturday night I ⁴ _____ (told / you / bought / I / had) a second television for exactly this kind of situation.

M: Oh. Did you ⁵ _____ (*The X Factor* / that / say / started / had) ?

D: But ... the Grand Prix.

M: There's another television upstairs, Walter.

2 ★ Report the underlined statements.

- 0 Charles Sykes: 'Television is not real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to real jobs.'

Charles Sykes said that television was not real life.

- 1 Ann Landers: 'Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other.'

Ann Landers said that _____
_____ rather than each other.

- 2 Kevin O'Leary: 'Television is the most interesting hobby I have ever had.'

Kevin O'Leary said _____
_____.

- 3 Margaret Mead: 'Thanks to television, the young are seeing history before it is censored by their elders.'

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_____ by their elders.

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- 0 gave a reason for something
1 said that something was true
2 answered
3 said more about something
4 told someone something that they didn't know or hadn't thought of
5 said something in an indirect way

explained

4 ★ ★ ★ Read the statements and choose the correct reporting verbs. Then complete the reported statements.

- 0 'Honestly, please believe me, I really didn't know she was a drug dealer.'

The TV presenter *suggested* / *claimed* he hadn't known (not know) that the woman had been a drug dealer. He begged the court to believe him.

- 1 'In our opinion, the show isn't suitable for children.'

When a journalist asked why the show had been banned, the members of the panel *added* / *replied* that, in _____ opinion, it _____ (not be) suitable for children.

- 2 'Don't tell everyone, but maybe you should wait until next week. There's probably going to be a sale here.'

I was in the electrical store a few weeks ago and the assistant winked at me and *replied* / *suggested* that the _____ week there _____ (probably/be) a sale _____.

- 3 'Leo can't have taken the car today. My car keys are still here.'

I was at Maggie's house last week when her car was stolen. I *added* / *suggested* that maybe Leo had taken it, but she said Leo _____ (not take) the car _____ day because _____ keys were _____.

5 Report the statements.

- 0 'I'll miss the last part of my favourite TV series tomorrow.'

It was a long time ago, but I remember she said she
would miss the last part of her favourite TV series the
following day.

- 1 'We're going to be on television next week.'

Two months ago, they said _____

- 2 'I'm meeting your sister here later today.'

We were in the café and Dad told me _____

- 3 'We saw you both last month.'

It was back in January when they told us _____

- 4 'Your audition is cancelled.'

We waited all day, then at 6 o'clock in the evening the
organiser told us that _____

- 5 'I'll see you tomorrow.'

Six days ago she told him she _____
_____, but then she never came back

/5

5 Choose the correct answer, A, B or C, to complete both sentences in each pair.

- 1** Gary, you've had four ___ singles this year and your album is number one in the charts.
I posted a video of myself dancing on Tumblr, but it hasn't had even one ___ so far.
A big **B** view **C** hit
- 2** Click on the ___ below for more information.
People have known about the ___ between smoking and health problems for decades.
A page **B** connection **C** link
- 3** The doctor said it was a ___ infection, so antibiotics wouldn't help.
This year's most popular ___ video on YouTube featured a talking dog.
A serious **B** viral **C** short
- 4** In my ___, most of the programmes on television are rubbish.
My website had a(n) ___ from someone in Alaska yesterday!
A opinion **B** view **C** hit
- 5** I wasn't very hungry, so I ___ my sandwich with Helen.
You ___ a photo on your profile. Click here to tag the people in the photo.
A shared **B** divided **C** split
- 6** Will you ___ this letter for me if you pass a box?
That is a hilarious video. I'm going to ___ it on Facebook.
A post **B** send **C** put