GRAMMAR

Reported speech

1 **Choose the correct word or phrase.**

1 My grandma claims **to be** / **being** as fit as a fiddle!

2 You promised not **to blow** / **blowing** your own trumpet if you won.

3 My sister warned me **not to** / **don't** play my drums too loud.

4 Mary suggested **us to** / **that we** drum up support for her local charity.

5 Jim **said** / **told me** to buy three tickets for the concert.

2 **Read the dialogue in the box and then complete the sentences using reported speech. Add any words you need to make each sentence correct.**

'Do you know how to play the guitar?' asked Paul.
'Yes, I do,' I said.
'How did you learn to play?' he asked.
'My uncle taught me last summer.'
'Could you give me a demonstration?'

1 Paul asked me _____ how to play the guitar.

2 I told him _____

3 He asked me how _____ to play.

4 I explained that _____ me the previous summer.

5 He asked me _____ a demonstration.

3 **Read the dialogue and then complete the text using reported speech. Add any words you need to make each sentence correct.**

Tom: Our band needs a drummer. What if we ask Rob?

Janet: I'm not playing with Rob. He's really lazy. I think we should buy a drum machine.

Tom: OK. But we'll need to earn some money first.

Tom said that their band (**1**) _____ a drummer. He suggested (**2**) _____ Rob. Janet refused (**3**) _____ with Rob. She claimed that (**4**) _____ really lazy. She recommended that (**5**) _____ a drum machine. Tom agreed but added that they (**6**) _____ to earn some money first.

4 **Read the news article in reported speech then complete the text using direct speech. Add any words you need to make each sentence correct.**

Lead singer of pop group *Electric Banana*, Jonny Prince, said that they were starting their World Tour on the first of November. He explained that they would begin in Tokyo and end in Sydney. He said that they had been working hard on their new album and the previous week they had released their first single.

Jonny Prince: We (**1**) _____ our World Tour on the first of November. (**2**) _____ begin in Tokyo and end in Sydney. We (**3**) _____ hard on our new album and (**4**) _____ week (**5**) _____ our first single.

LIVEWORKSHEETS