

DAY 37: Reported Statements

1 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the newspaper report and choose the correct words in *italics*.

In court this week

Maggie Givans reports from Brentford Magistrates' Court

On Tuesday, local shopkeeper Barry Southgate appeared in court for dangerous driving. Police Constable Harriet Diamond said that on the night of 14 February she (0) *has seen / had seen* a dark blue Volkswagen Golf travelling at high speed through a residential area. She stopped the motorist, Mr Southgate, and asked him to tell her his driving speed. He replied that he (1) *has / had* no idea. When PC Diamond asked to see his driving licence, he replied that he (2) *would / will* bring it to the police station (3) *tomorrow / the following day*, closed his door and drove off, again at high speed.

In response to Magistrate Richard Pound's questions Mr Southgate said (4) *I / he* knew he had been over the speed limit, but he didn't know

exactly what speed he (5) *was / had been* travelling at. He also said that he (6) *has / had* forgotten to take his licence to the police station (7) *the next / next* day. The magistrate wanted to know how he could forget something important like that, and Mr Southgate explained that his wife (8) *has had / had had* their first baby that day, so he (9) *can't / hadn't been able* to take his licence to the police station. He added that he had been rushing to the hospital (10) *the evening before / yesterday evening*, and that was why he had been driving so fast. Magistrate Pound said that Mr Southgate still (11) *must / had to* pay the fine for speeding but that he (12) *wishes / wished* him and his new family all the best.

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2 Complete the reported statements. Make all the changes you can.**4.07 Listen and check.**

0 POLITICIAN (to reporters): I'm ready to answer your questions.

The politician told the reporters *that he was ready* to answer their questions.

1 REPORTER: People were offended by remarks in your speech.

A reporter said people remarks in the politician's speech.

2 POLITICIAN: I didn't make any offensive remarks in my speech yesterday.

The politician stated any offensive remarks in his speech

3 POLITICIAN: I was just describing my plans for next year.

He said that his plans for the next year.

4 REPORTER: You must know that people have asked for your resignation.

The reporter said that the politician for his resignation.

5 POLITICIAN: I can't understand it myself. I simply described the situation in the country.

The politician said himself.

He the situation in the country.

6 POLITICIAN: I have been working very hard and I see no reason to resign.

He added that and he saw no reason to resign.

7 POLITICIAN: I will make a full statement about my plans tomorrow afternoon.

He ended by saying that

**4 Rewrite the quotes in reported speech. Do not change the tense if it is possible not to.****4.08 Listen and check.**

0 'You mustn't discuss the case outside the court room.'

The judge said that we *mustn't discuss the case outside the court room*

1 'The museum was opened to the public in 1965.'

The guidebook says

2 'I'll take a taxi home after the film tomorrow evening.'

John told us last Friday

3 'Humans first walked on the moon in 1969.'

The lecturer said

4 'Samir's ill and can't come to school today.'

Mrs Richards, Samir's mother said

5 'Jason had been working for me for two years at that point.'

The manager told the police officer

6 'We're meeting our cousins from Vancouver at the weekend.'

Lou and Jane told us last week