

## Grammar reporting verbs (say and tell)

### ▶ REPORTING VERBS (SAY and TELL)

- 1 He **told** news reporters that he had been very curious when he'd seen a message inside.
- 2 The message **said** that his boat was sinking and that he loved her.

For more information and practice, see page 176.

### 7 Circle the correct options to complete the conversation.

- A: Did I <sup>1</sup> *say / tell* you there was a great show on TV last night?  
B: No. What was it about?  
A: Space travel in the next one hundred years. They <sup>2</sup> *said / told* that humans would soon land on Mars.  
B: Really? When did they <sup>3</sup> *say / tell* that would happen?  
A: The presenter didn't <sup>4</sup> *say / tell* exactly, but probably in the next thirty years.  
B: I read an article that <sup>5</sup> *said / told* there would be a hotel on the moon soon.  
A: Yes, but someone <sup>6</sup> *said / told* me a few years ago that there were going to be space hotels orbiting the Earth soon, and nothing's happened yet.

### 8 Report these messages using *said* or *told*.

- 1 "Your lunch is in the fridge."  
She told him that his lunch was in the fridge.
- 2 "I'm lost in the middle of the city."  
He \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 "We're waiting at the café."  
They \_\_\_\_\_ that they \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 "I'll call you back later."  
Dave \_\_\_\_\_ me that he \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 "You need to call this number."  
The message \_\_\_\_\_ that I \_\_\_\_\_.