

Grammar

1 Complete the second sentence in each pair with the correct form of the verb in reported speech.

- 1 "My students enjoy playing sport," said the teacher.
The teacher said that his students playing sport.
- 2 "The taxi is waiting for you outside," my sister said.
My sister said that the taxi for me outside.
- 3 "Let's rest here for a while," Stephen suggested.
Stephen suggested there for a while.
- 4 "Listen to me," said my mother.
My mother told me to her.
- 5 "I've been training for the marathon all week," James explained.
James explained that he for the marathon all week.
- 6 "The match will begin tomorrow at 2.00," the coach told us.
The coach told us that the match the next day at 2.00.

2 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Make any necessary changes.

- 1 "I may join the swimming team next year," said Carl.
Carl declared that he
- 2 "I must go to football practice this afternoon," I told my friend.
I told my friend that I
- 3 "We haven't eaten anything," the children complained.
The children complained that
- 4 "A criminal escaped from prison last night," the police officer announced.
The police officer announced that a criminal
- 5 "Don't come late for the exam tomorrow," the teacher warned us.
The teacher warned us

3 Rewrite the questions in reported speech.

- 1 "Is it very cold outside?" I asked my mother.
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- 2 "Where did you buy this coat?" Tracy wanted to know.
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- 3 "Can you lend me some money?" my friend asked me.
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- 4 "How often do you go to the gym?" Jill wondered.
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- 5 "Have you ever tried playing beach volleyball?" Jack asked Linda.
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- 6 "Are you coming to watch the match tonight?" Philip asked me.
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4 Complete the sentences with the correct verbs and reported speech. Make any necessary changes.

- 1 "I forgot to return the balls after the game yesterday," Matt said.
Matt **complained** / **admitted**
- 2 "Do you take part in triathlons?" my friend asked me.
My friend **wondered** / **explained**
- 3 "I'll come to the match tonight," said Cindy.
Cindy **promised** / **ordered**
- 4 "Don't forget to buy a present for mum," my brother said.
My brother **suggested** / **reminded**
- 5 "I've been waiting here for over two hours!" said Whitney.
Whitney **declared** / **complained**
- 6 "There's going to be an English exam next week," the teacher said.
The teacher **ordered** / **announced**