

Reported speech

Grammar

1 Complete the reported speech with the correct verb form and *said* or *told*. (5)

- 1 'I'm pushing for better recycling facilities.'
The politician _____ she _____ for better recycling facilities.
- 2 'You need to build up your stamina.'
My personal trainer _____ me I _____ to build up my stamina.
- 3 'We've made an incredible breakthrough!'
The scientists _____ they _____ an incredible breakthrough.
- 4 'You should cut down on sugar.'
The dentist _____ Freddie he _____ on sugar.
- 5 'I want to see the film at 7.30.'
Kate _____ that she _____ to see the film at 7.30.

2 Complete the reported statements with the correct time references. (5)

- 1 'We're going to the cinema this afternoon,' said Magda.
Magda said they were going to the cinema _____.
- 2 'I saw someone shoplifting yesterday,' said the witness.
The witness said she had seen someone shoplifting _____.
- 3 'I gave up junk food last year,' said Dad.
Dad said he had given up junk food _____.
- 4 'It's going to snow tomorrow,' said the weather reporter.
The weather reporter said it was going to snow _____.
- 5 'We're going to publish our findings next month,' said the scientists.
The scientists said they were going to publish their findings _____.

3 Complete the reported statements. (10)

1. "I don't like chocolate" She told me _____
2. "I won't see you tomorrow" She said _____
3. "She's living in Paris for a few months" She said _____
4. "I visited my parents at the weekend" She told me _____
5. "She hasn't eaten sushi before" She said _____
6. "I hadn't travelled by underground before I came to London"
She said _____
7. "They would help if they could" She said _____
8. "I'll do the washing-up later" She told me _____
9. "He could read when he was three" She said _____
10. "I was sleeping when Julie called" She said _____