REPORTED SPEECH

A. Select the correct answer.

1. 'I have three daughters,' said Helen. > She said that _____ has three daughters.

- ○ she
- ○ her
- ○ he
- ○ my

2. 'We are going to the post office,' said John. > John said that _____ were going to the post office.

- ○ they
- ○ he
- ○ you
- ○ him

3. 'You look tired,' Alex said to me. > Alex said that _____ looked tired.

- ○ they
- ○ she
- ○ I
- ○ you

4. 'Edward is quite intelligent,' said Fiona. > Fiona said that _____ friend is quite intelligent.

- ○ he
- ○ her
- ○ his
- ○ she



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5. 'You and I are late for the meeting,' Jodie said to me. > Jodie said that _____ were late for the meeting.

- ○ us
- ○ they
- ○ you
- ○ we

6. 'The dog has a broken leg,' said Marcel. Marcel said that _____ leg was broken.

- ○ them
- ○ our
- ○ he
- ○ its

B. True or false?

1. Reported speech is also known as direct speech.

- ○ True
- ○ False

2. When you change direct speech into reported speech, you must always change the tense of the verb.

- ○ True
- ○ False

3. Backshifting describes 'moving back' tenses in reported speech.

- ○ True
- ○ False



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C. Change the direct speech into reported speech. Use backshifting in all exercises.

1. Lawrence said, 'My legs are tired.'

2. Graham said, 'I'm not going to work.'

3. Oliver and Rachel said, 'We don't enjoy swimming.'

4. Theo said, 'I want to eat something.'

5. Lucy said, 'Sarah is looking at the painting.'

D. Write the original words. Remember to use quotation marks to start and finish the quote. Assume that backshifting happened from the direct speech to reported speech.

For example: Derek said that he was angry. *Derek said, 'I am angry.'*

1. Leah said that she was working every day.

2. Toby and Katie said they were going on vacation.

3. William said that it was raining.

4. Tom said that he went to school five days a week.

5. Jordan said that she planned to visit her mother.



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