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## Reported Speech

3 Turn the sentences into *reported speech*. In which of the following sentences do the tenses remain the same? Why?

- 1 The instructions say, "The mobile phone's battery needs to be fully charged before use."  
*The instructions say (that) the mobile phone's battery needs to be fully charged before use. (The tense does not change, because the introductory verb is in the present simple.)*
- 2 "Koalas live in Australia," the teacher said.  
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- 3 "If you had worn your jacket, you wouldn't have got cold," she said.  
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- 4 Mum says, "Dinner is ready."  
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- 5 "If you mix red and blue, you get purple," the Art teacher said.  
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- 6 "I'll meet you at the bus stop at three o'clock," he said.  
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## 4

The following people live in a city that was hit by an earthquake yesterday. Read what they said, then report their words as in the example:

1 I wasn't expecting it at all. It's the first time that an earthquake has happened here. We were lucky that nobody got hurt.

1 Ryan *said (that) he wasn't / hadn't been expecting it at all. It was the first time that an earthquake had happened there. They were / I had been lucky that nobody (had) got hurt.*

3 I was cutting the grass when it happened. Suddenly, several car alarms went off. Then I felt the ground shake under me. I was so terrified, I couldn't move.

2 Kim .....

4 I was still in bed when the earthquake hit. All I could do was cover my head with a pillow and wait for it to end. It was such a terrifying experience.

3 Adam .....

4 Laura .....

