

Reported speech

1 Complete the reported speech. Use the past simple, *could*/*couldn't*, past continuous or past perfect.

1 'I'm going out,' she said.

She said that she was going out.

2 'I don't speak French,' he said.

He said that _____.

3 'I saw a good film in London,' he said.

He said that _____.

4 'We can't come to the party,' they said.

They said that _____.

5 'It's very cold outside,' she said.

She said that _____.

6 'I didn't do my homework,' he said.

He said that _____.

7 'We live in a small village,' they said.

They said that _____.

8 'He can type really fast,' she said.

She said that _____.

9 'It's snowing,' he said.

He said that _____.

2 Change the reported speech to direct speech.

1 He said that he hadn't slept well.

I didn't sleep well.

2 They said that they hadn't read the newspaper.

3 She said that drug dealers were criminals.

4 He said that he wasn't wearing a coat.

5 She said that she couldn't swim.

6 He said he had bought a DVD.

7 She said that she had wanted to go to bed.

8 He said he couldn't hear me.

3 Read the dialogue and report it as direct speech.

Fred I read a really good detective story recently.

Liz I can't stand detective stories. I'm reading a horror story.

Fred I like horror stories too. I read part of *Frankenstein* in the summer holidays. My parents gave it to me for my birthday.

Liz I didn't enjoy *Frankenstein*.

Fred I think it's brilliant.

Liz The ending isn't very good.

Fred I don't want to know the ending.

Liz: I'm not going to tell you!

Fred said that ¹ he had read a good detective story recently.

Liz said that ² _____.

She said that ³ _____.

Fred said that ⁴ _____.

He said that ⁵ _____.

He said that ⁶ _____.

Liz said that ⁷ _____.

Fred said that ⁸ _____.

Liz said that ⁹ _____.

Fred said that ¹⁰ _____.

Liz said that ¹¹ _____.