GRAMMAR Reported speech

1 **Match the direct speech (1–4) to the reported speech (a–d).**

1 'I write for the blog,' she said. ____
2 'I'm writing for the blog,' she said. ____
3 'I'll write for the blog,' she said. ____
4 'I can write for the blog,' she said. ____

a She said she could write for the blog.
b She said she was writing for the blog.
c She said she wrote for the blog.
d She said she would write for the blog.

2 **Rewrite these sentences using reported speech.**

1 'She's reading an interesting article.'
Emma said _____
2 'Mrs Jones will help me next week.'
Ben said _____
3 'I don't want to buy a new computer.'
Fatima said _____
4 'I love downloading free e-books.'
My brother said _____
5 'Dad can't get here on time.'
Mum said _____
6 'I'll get some holiday brochures for Japan.'
My mum said _____
7 'Jo's dad can pick us up.'
Alison said _____
8 'We won't be there.'
They said _____

3 **Read these video profiles and then report what the people said.**

Hi! I'm Cassie. I'm 15 and I live in the USA. I'm studying for exams now. Then in the summer, I'll go to Camp Kanosia. I love it there because I can swim and do lots of water sports.

1 Cassie said _____
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Hi! I'm Paolo. I'm 14 and I'm from South Africa. I'm making this video profile at the moment! Next year, I'll go to a different school. It's an art school and I can study drawings, paintings and sculpture there.

2 Paolo said _____
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4 **Correct the mistakes in these sentences or tick (✓) any you think are correct.**

1 Jane called me, and she said that she and her brother are going to buy some graphic novels.
_____
2 He said that he is going to put the notice in the students' room.
_____
3 I want to say you that I got a new e-book.
_____
4 She saw me and she say that she knew me, and we began to talk.
_____
5 They said that they would get some paper for the printer.
_____

VOCABULARY *say, speak, talk* and *tell*

1 **Complete the conversation with the correct form of *say*, *speak*, *talk* or *tell*. Use some words more than once.**

Paul: Hello, is that Cara?
Cara: Yes. Who's [1] _____?
Paul: It's Paul. I'm calling to invite you to my party on Saturday.
Cara: I'm sorry. Can you [2] _____ that again? I can't hear you very well.
Paul: I [3] _____, would you like to come to my party on Saturday?
Cara: Yes, I'd love to! My cousin's here on holiday. Can she come too?
Paul: Yes, of course. [4] _____ her she's welcome.
Cara: OK, thanks, I'll [5] _____ her. I've got to go now. It was nice [6] _____ to you. See you on Saturday!

2 **Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.**

1 Can you _____ me what you mean?
a speak **b** tell **c** say
2 Mum can _____ four languages.
a say **b** talk **c** speak
3 What did you _____? I couldn't hear you.
a speak **b** talk **c** say
4 It's always nice to _____ to my best friend.
a talk **b** tell **c** say

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