

1 Complete the reported speech sentences with the past simple of the verbs in brackets.

Language focus

I met an astronaut today.

He said that he (1) was (be) back from the stars.

He said that he (2) _____ (like) our planet best.

But he said that he (3) _____ (have to) visit Mars.

He said that he (4) _____ (not know) the way.

He said that he (5) _____ (want) a map.

But I said that I (6) _____ (not have) one.

And that's because I'm a cat.



2 Complete the sentences.

1 I really love broccoli soup. → She said that she really loved broccoli soup.

2 I watch TV every night for three hours. → He said that he _____.

3 I feed the cat every morning at seven. → She said that she _____.

4 I play football every Saturday afternoon. → He said that he _____.

5 I take the dog for a walk every evening. → She said that she _____.

3 Read the interview with Zonrak's friend. Complete the journalist's report.

Journalist So, you're Zonrak's friend Zaprax and you're from Alpha 346 too. Have you got a family?

Zaprax Yes, I've got a wife and two boys.

Journalist Do the children go to school?

Zaprax No, because robots give the children lessons at home.

Journalist What sort of work do you do?

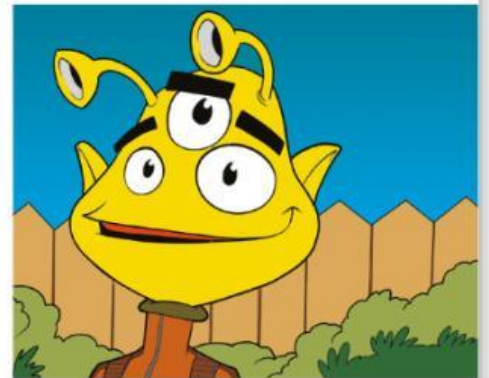
Zaprax I'm a scientist and a pilot.

Journalist So you've got two jobs?

Zaprax Yes, everyone has got two jobs.

Journalist Isn't it difficult to have two jobs?

Zaprax No, it isn't. We only need to sleep for three hours at night.



Yesterday, I talked to Zaprax, another alien from Alpha 346. I asked about his family and he said that he (1) had a wife and two boys. I was interested to find out about schools on Alpha 346, but Zaprax said that (2) _____ at home. When I asked about his work, Zaprax said that he (3) _____: he's a scientist and a pilot. I was surprised, but he explained that on Alpha 346, (4) _____.

This sounded like very hard work to me, but Zaprax said that it (5) _____ difficult because they only (6) _____ for three hours at night.

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