7 Rescue!

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A **Listen and read the telephone call about a mountain rescue.** 16

1	**Ian**	Hi Marc. We're looking for a German tourist. He called us from his cell phone. He was rock climbing and fell about 40 feet into a cave. He said that he couldn't get up. It sounds like a broken ankle.
	Marc	Does he speak English?
2	**Ian**	Yes, he does. His name's Felix. He has two friends with him. He said that they were getting cold.
3	**Marc**	Where are they?
	Ian	He said that they were near a lake.
	Marc	OK, I'm on my way.

Later that evening, on the radio…

4	**Newscaster**	24-year-old Felix Fischer broke his ankle when he was rock climbing today. Mountain rescue volunteer Marc Barclay said that the rescue went well. Felix is now in the hospital. He said that his leg wasn't very painful, and he thanked everyone for their help.

B **Match the pictures to the numbers in the text.**

a ☐ b ☐ c ☐ d ☐

C **Look at the speech bubble text. How is it written in the text?**

1 "I can't get up!" He said that he couldn't get up.
2 "We are near a lake." He said that they _____.
3 "My leg isn't very painful." He said that his leg _____.
4 "We are getting cold." He said that they _____.

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Reported Speech with *Said That*

Use reported speech to tell someone what another person said.
You can say what someone else said, or report what you said.

"Help! I'm stuck!" → *She said that she was stuck.*
"I can't read the map." → *I said that I couldn't read the map.*

To make reported speech, you usually change the tense of the verb from the present to the past.

simple present → simple past
present continuous → past continuous
present modal → past modal

Direct speech		Reported speech
I am in a cave.	→	*He said that he was in a cave.*
We are getting cold.	→	*They said that they were getting cold.*
I can't walk.	→	*He said he couldn't walk.*

You usually change the pronoun, too.

Direct speech		Reported speech
I need some help!	→	*He said that he needed some help.*
We are lost.	→	*They said that they were lost.*
My leg is painful.	→	*He said that his leg was painful.*
Thank you for your help.	→	*He thanked us (/ He said "thank you") for our help.*

When you write in direct speech, use quotation marks to show that someone is talking.
"I'm on vacation," said Felix.

Don't use quotation marks in reported speech.
He said that he was on vacation.

A **Look at the pictures and story on page 34 again. Circle the correct answer.**

1 Who said, "I can't get up?" **Felix / Ian / Marc**
2 Who couldn't get up? **Felix / Ian / Marc**
3 Who said that he was looking for a tourist? **Felix / Ian / Marc**
4 Who said that he was on his way? **Felix / Ian / Marc**
5 Who was near a lake? **Felix / Ian / Marc**
6 Who said, "My leg isn't very painful"? **Felix / Ian / Marc**

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B Listen and read. Then circle the correct words. 17

"This is Bonnie. She's my mountain rescue dog. She helps me search for climbers who are lost or injured. Her sense of smell is incredible. It's 44 times more effective than a human's. Rescue dogs can rescue people in caves, mountains, and in areas destroyed by earthquakes or tsunamis. They can find humans in the cold, heat, smoke, and dust. Rescue animals are amazing!"

1 He said Bonnie was **my** / **his** rescue dog.
2 He said that Bonnie helped **him** / **me** find lost climbers.
3 He said that **her** / **his** sense of smell was amazing.
4 He said that rescue dogs **can** / **could** find humans in difficult conditions.
5 He said that they **are** / **were** amazing!

C Match the reported speech to direct speech.

1 The tourist said that she was lost.
2 Hamid said that it was a long way home.
3 Ana and Yolanda said that they liked mountain climbing.
4 Mrs. Walsh said she was taking photos of the birds.
5 Mr. and Mrs. Nouri said that they didn't go hiking very often.
6 Farid said that he couldn't speak French.

a "I can't speak French."
b "I am lost!"
c "We don't go hiking very often."
d "It's a long way home."
e "We like mountain climbing."
f "I'm taking photos of the birds."

D What did Felix say to the mountain rescue team? Change from direct speech to reported speech.

1 "I don't like the rain," said Felix.
Felix said that he didn't like the rain.
2 "I'm feeling very tired," he said.
_____
3 "My ankle is swelling up and it is painful," he said.
_____
4 "I have two friends with me," he said.
_____
5 "They can't speak English," he said.
_____
6 "We don't want to stay in the cave all night," he said.
_____
7 "I want to get a message to my brother!" he said.
_____

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E **Complete the reported speech sentences. Use the information in the box. What did these people say?**

~~"I'm delighted Felix is safe."~~ "I am very happy to be off the mountain!"
"It's an exciting news story." "I am happy that Bonnie, my rescue dog, can help."
"It is a difficult place to land." "Felix's ankle is fine."

1 Felix's brother said he *was delighted Felix was safe.*
2 The news reporter said that _____.
3 The doctor said that _____.
4 Marc, the rescue volunteer, said that he _____.
5 The Mountain Rescue helicopter pilot said _____.
6 Felix said he _____.

F **Imagine you work in the mountain rescue office with Ian. Tell the story of Felix's accident.**

Direct speech	Your accident report
1 "I can speak a little English."	Felix said that _____.
2 "My foot hurts."	He said that _____.
3 "I have two friends with me."	He said _____.
4 "I can't walk."	He _____.
5 "I need to be rescued!"	He _____.

Let's Write!

G **Interview your partner about an accident. What happened? What did everyone say? Draw pictures and then write the story underneath. Use reported speech.**

My brother is three years old.

He likes running.

He runs everywhere, fast.

My brother said that his head hurts.

My Mom said that she was worried.

We went to the hospital.

The doctor said that it was fine.

Everyone is happy.

I spoke to … She said … He said… Her mother said… The police officer said …

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