

Reported speech: Grammar practice

- a** Read the interview. Then complete the journalist's report below with the **bold** verbs from the interview in the correct tense.

Journalist Firstly Matthew, thank you very much for agreeing to this interview. I know you're a busy man. You have the leading role in the latest Kathryn Westwood film. What is it like working with her?

Matthew You ¹**can't** begin to imagine what a fantastic experience it ²**is**. In fact, it ³**has been** an honour to work with her. However, I have to say that it ⁴**wasn't** easy at first, because filming ⁵**started** at 7.00 a.m. every day for the first three weeks. I'm not a person who likes early starts!

Journalist Yes, I had heard that! What ⁶**did you enjoy** most about working with her?

Matthew I ⁷**loved** the way that she ⁸**could** get all the actors, including me, to do exactly what she wanted us to do.

Journalist ⁹**Are you going to be** in any more of her films in the near future?

Matthew It ¹⁰**depends** on Kathryn, but I hope I ¹¹**will be**. I'm really sorry, but I ¹²**must** go because I have a photo shoot at *Vogue* magazine.



Matthew told me that I ¹**couldn't** begin to imagine what a fantastic experience working with Kathryn Westwood ²_____. He also said that working with her ³_____ an honour. However, he said that it ⁴_____ easy at first, because filming ⁵_____ at 7.00 a.m. every day for the first three weeks. When I asked him what he ⁶_____ most about working with Kathryn Westwood, he told me that he ⁷_____ the way that she ⁸_____ get all the actors to do exactly what she wanted. Finally, I asked Matthew if ⁹_____ in any more of her films in the future. He said that it ¹⁰_____ on Kathryn, but he hoped he ¹¹_____. We then finished the interview because Matthew said that he ¹²_____ go because he had a photo shoot at *Vogue* magazine.

- b** Write the questions other journalists asked Matthew in reported speech.

“ What's the most interesting role that you've played? ”

1 The BBC asked Matthew what the most interesting role he had played was.

“ Is there too much violence in films? ”

2 Fox asked him _____.

“ Who's the most difficult actor that you've ever worked with? ”

3 RTVE asked him _____.

“ What should a young person who wants to go into acting do? ”

4 RAI asked him _____.

“ When are you going to retire? ”

5 ITV asked him _____.