

## 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 <sup>1</sup>**can't** begin to imagine what a fantastic experience it <sup>2</sup>**is**. In fact, it <sup>3</sup>**has been** an honour to work with her. However, I have to say that it <sup>4</sup>**wasn't** easy at first, because filming <sup>5</sup>**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 <sup>6</sup>**did you enjoy** most about working with her?

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

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

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



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