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 _____.

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