Grammar training

Reported Statements



Read the dialogue below and complete the gaps with the correct forms of reported speech. Follow the traditional rules of tense changes.

Emma: Have you spoken to Carol about the party yet?

Jake: Yeah, I did. She said that she _____any celebration, but we know how that turned out last year.

Emma: Exactly! The previous year, she made a complaint about not _____any good pictures, and now Mark has already offered to bring his camera so that she wouldn't say the same thing again.

Jake: That's great! Laura suggested that we _____ that rooftop café she liked, and she said that she _____ the availability.

Emma: Perfect! Oh, and Olivia told me that she _____ a cake with Carol's favorite flavors.

Jake: Wait, that's a problem! Ben said that he _____ a cake _____.

Emma: I'll call him now.

Jake: Good idea. Also, Mia said that she _____ a playlist with all of Carol's favorite songs, so the music is covered.

Emma: Amazing! Lisa told me that she _____ sparklers for the cake because she thought that it _____ the moment extra special.

Jake: Oh, and Tom said that he _____ Carol a ride to the café so that she wouldn't suspect anything.

Emma: That's a relief! But are we sure she won't figure it out? The previous year, she guessed everything before we even finished planning.

Jake: I don't think so. When I asked her what she wanted to do on her birthday, she just shrugged and said that she _____ at home and watch movies.

Emma: The café manager told me that if we _____ , we _____ arrive 3 hours earlier.

Jake: I already warned everyone that they _____ be there at least twenty minutes before she arrived. I told them that if they _____ late, they _____ to complain about missing the surprise.

Emma: Good thinking! Okay, I'll sort out the cake issue.

Jake: Great! Let's double-check everything to make sure we're ready.

Emma: Good idea. If everything goes as planned, Carol will have no idea what's waiting for her!