

GRAMMAR
Reported speech

A Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

1 'Can we turn the news off? It's so depressing.'
She asked me _____.

2 'My cousin works as a journalist for the local paper.'
She said _____.

3 'We can't make it. We'll be working then.'
Emily said _____.

4 'He's been lying to us this whole time.'
Yuki thinks _____.

5 'This restaurant has gone downhill.'
He said _____.

6 'I saw that documentary last week.'
She said _____.

7 'Have you always been interested in current affairs?'
He asked me _____.

8 'I really must go, I've got work tomorrow.'
Liz said _____.

B Find and correct seven mistakes in the conversation.

Gareth: So, how'd the interview go? Do you think you've got enough for an article?

Jonas: Yeah, it was good. I'm keen to focus on her background, so I asked her how did she get into acting.

Gareth: Go on ...

Jonas: Well, she said that she hasn't thought about being an actress at all. It was her parents that pushed her to do auditions.

Gareth: So, she had pushy parents? That could be a good angle.

Jonas: Not exactly. She told me that she was working as a waitress back then, which she described as a 'dead-end job'. Anyway, her mum had heard that the local theatre was holding auditions. She wasn't sure about it, but she told that her mum had persuaded her to go along.

Gareth: Oh, so her parents were just supportive by the sounds of it. I guess she just passed the auditions and that was it?

Jonas: It was a little more interesting than that. She went to the auditions, but guess what?

Gareth: What?

Jonas: She said that they'd been attending by none other than ... Claudia Von Danke.

Gareth: What, the Claudia Von Danke? You mean the Hollywood star?

Jonas: Crazy, huh?

Gareth: Why was Von Danke at a local theatre audition?

Jonas: Well, it turns out that Von Danke's cousin owns the company. She said that Von Danke told her she'd been the most promising actress that she came across in a long while. They exchanged numbers and barely a week later, she was off to Hollywood.

Gareth: I can't believe this. I mean, this isn't common knowledge, right? I think we've hit on a great story here – 'local actress made it to Hollywood on the endorsement of Von Danke'.

Jonas: It gets better. She told me that she stops speaking to Von Danke. They've had a major falling out. She didn't say much, but I think there's a guy involved ...

Gareth: Right. Get me the number of Von Danke's agent. There is definitely a story here!

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