GRAMMAR Reported statements

1 **Tick (✓) the correct statement.**

1 Ivan said that he had been at the gym.
- A 'I'm at the gym.' ___
- B 'I've been at the gym.' ___

2 He claimed that nobody played the game better than he did.
- A 'Nobody plays the game better than I do.' ___
- B 'Nobody is playing the game better than I am.' ___

3 'I'll help you pack.'
- A She said she helped him pack. ___
- B She said she would help him pack. ___

4 He said he was practising for the following week's match.
- A 'I was practising for the following week's match.' ___
- B 'I'm practising for next week's match.' ___

5 'Hockey is a very physical sport.'
- A Alys said that hockey is a very physical sport. ___
- B Alys said that hockey had been a very physical sport. ___

2 **Complete the reported statements.**

1 'You did very well in the competition.'
My coach said that I _____ very well in the competition.

2 'I'll do my best.'
Jenny said she _____ best.

3 'He's currently the fastest cyclist in the world.'
Maria said that he _____ currently the fastest cyclist in the world.

4 'It isn't going to be a very exciting race.'
Ben warned me that it _____ to be a very exciting race.

5 'I don't want you to injure yourself today.'
He said that he didn't want me to injure myself _____ day.

3 **Rewrite the direct speech statements in reported speech.**

1 'I've decided to start taking driving lessons.'
Laura said _____

2 'He never wanted to be team captain.'
Alicia told me _____

3 'Training's always better in the morning.'
Artur said _____

4 'I'm feeling exhausted after all that running.'
Hannah complained _____

5 'They'll play much better with a new manager.'
Peter argued _____

4 **Correct the mistakes in four of the sentences. Which one is correct?**

1 John said he had some good news to tell me.

2 She told me that she has to finish her homework then she could come to see me.

3 They told us that the shop will open the following week.

4 He rang me and said that we can meet later that day.

5 He told us that he can't come because something very urgent had happened.

VOCABULARY Reporting verbs

1 **Choose the best reporting verb in the box to report each statement. There are two extra verbs.**

admit beg ~~confirm~~ declare emphasise propose remind reveal

The rumours are true. I have resigned as manager of the team.

0 *confirm*

Please, please, give me one more chance.

1 _____

I think we should enter both teams in the tournament.

2 _____

Yes, it was me who forgot to inform the referee that the match was cancelled.

3 _____

Nobody knows this yet – our new signing cost us €5 million.

4 _____

Don't forget that you need to go to your training session today.

5 _____

2 **Report the statements in Exercise 1 using the reporting verbs you chose. You only need to report the underlined words.**

0 *He/She confirmed that he/she had resigned as manager of the team.*

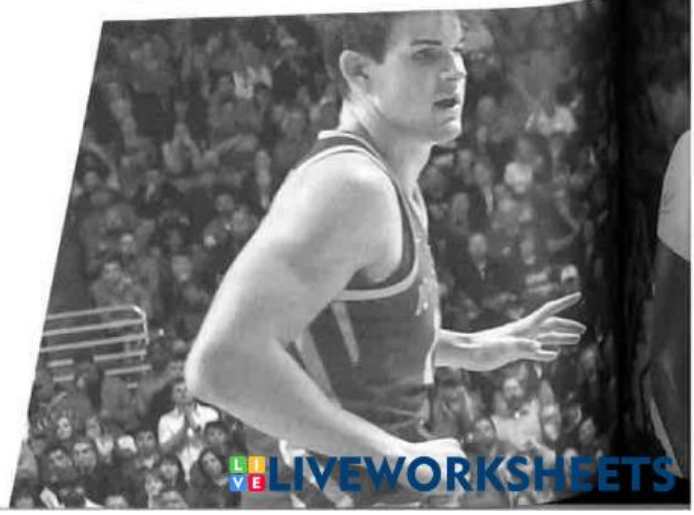
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