

## GRAMMAR

### Reported statements

#### 1 Tick (✓) the correct statement.

- Ivan said that he had been at the gym.  
A 'I'm at the gym.'  
B 'I've been at the gym.'
- 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.'
- 'I'll help you pack.'  
A She said she helped him pack.  
B She said she would help him pack.
- 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.'
- '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.

- 'You did very well in the competition.'  
My coach said that I \_\_\_\_\_ very well in the competition.
- 'I'll do my best.'  
Jenny said she \_\_\_\_\_ best.
- 'He's currently the fastest cyclist in the world.'  
Maria said that he \_\_\_\_\_ currently the fastest cyclist in the world.
- 'It isn't going to be a very exciting race.'  
Ben warned me that it \_\_\_\_\_ to be a very exciting race.
- '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.

- 'I've decided to start taking driving lessons.'  
Laura said \_\_\_\_\_
- 'He never wanted to be team captain.'  
Alicia told me \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Training's always better in the morning.'  
Artur said \_\_\_\_\_
- 'I'm feeling exhausted after all that running.'  
Hannah complained \_\_\_\_\_
- 'They'll play much better with a new manager.'  
Peter argued \_\_\_\_\_

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

- John said he had some good news to tell me.
- She told me that she has to finish her homework then she could come to see me.
- They told us that the shop will open the following week.
- He rang me and said that we can meet later that day.
- 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.

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

