

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 _____

