

### "Voices Behind the Camera"

Yesterday, an interview was filmed with Sofia Campos, a young film director. She said she was excited about her new science fiction movie. She explained that the story was inspired by a dream. She also mentioned that the actors had worked very hard and that filming finished last week. The producer told reporters that the editing process would take two more months. A famous critic said the trailer looked amazing and that the movie could become a hit. Everyone on the team said they believed in the project.

#### ? Comprehension Questions (10 minutes)

##### A. Answer the Questions

1. Who was interviewed?

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What did she say about her movie?

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. What inspired the story?

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. What did the producer say about editing?

\_\_\_\_\_.

5. What did the critic think of the trailer?

\_\_\_\_\_.

##### B. True or False

1. Sofia Campos is an actress. **True / False**
2. She said the story was based on a dream. **True / False**
3. The producer said the movie was already edited. **True / False**
4. The critic said the trailer looked great. **True / False**
5. The actors didn't work very hard. **True / False**

## Vocabulary Activity – Match the Meaning

Words/Phrases:

Meanings:

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|----------------|---|
| 1. Inspired by | a) A very successful movie                    |
| 2. Director    | b) Trusted or had confidence in               |
| 3. Critic      | c) Person in charge of filming                |
| 4. Editing     | d) Person who reviews movies                  |
| 5. Hit         | e) Motivated or influenced by                 |
| 6. Believed in | f) The process of cutting and arranging video |

## Grammar Focus – Reported Speech

### ◆ Reported Statements – Tense Shift Rules

#### Direct Speech

#### Reported Speech

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| "I am happy."               | She said she <b>was</b> happy.             |
| "We finished the film."     | He said they <b>had finished</b> the film. |
| "They will edit the video." | She said they <b>would</b> edit the video. |
| "I love sci-fi movies."     | He said he <b>loved</b> sci-fi movies.     |

**Reporting verbs:** said, told, explained, mentioned, added

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## Grammar Practice

### A. Complete the reported speech:

- "I'm working on a short film." → She said she \_\_\_\_\_ on a short film.
- "We shot it in one day." → He said they \_\_\_\_\_ it in one day.
- "I will send the trailer tomorrow." → She said she \_\_\_\_\_ send the trailer tomorrow.
- "I like horror movies." → He said he \_\_\_\_\_ horror movies.

5. "The actors are very professional." → She said the actors \_\_\_\_\_ very professional.
  6. "We finished editing yesterday." → He said they \_\_\_\_\_ editing yesterday.
  7. "This is my favorite project." → She said it \_\_\_\_\_ her favorite project.
  8. "We need more time." → They said they \_\_\_\_\_ more time.
  9. "The movie will be ready next week." → He said the movie \_\_\_\_\_ be ready next week.
  10. "The music is original." → She said the music \_\_\_\_\_ original.
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**B. Rewrite the Direct Speech (10 sentences)**

1. "The director is very talented."  
→ She said \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "I watched the final cut."  
→ He said \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "We will meet the actors later."  
→ She said \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "They love the new location."  
→ He said \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "I am writing the next scene."  
→ She said \_\_\_\_\_.
6. "The light wasn't good."  
→ He said \_\_\_\_\_.

7. "We will do a new take."

→ They said \_\_\_\_\_.

8. "The sound is perfect."

→ He said \_\_\_\_\_.

9. "We had some problems with the set."

→ She said \_\_\_\_\_.

10. "I want to make a documentary."

→ She said \_\_\_\_\_.