🎭 Reading Text – "Set Secrets: The Interview"

Yesterday, actor Liam Novak was interviewed after a chaotic day on set. He said he was feeling exhausted because they had been filming a long action scene for hours.

He told the journalist, "We were running, jumping, and sweating non-stop."

He added that the stunt team was amazing and that the director had been shouting instructions all morning.

When asked about the delay, Liam replied that the cameras hadn't been working properly.

He also mentioned that one of the lights exploded during the shoot, but no one was hurt.

The interviewer asked if he was planning to rest. Liam said he hoped to sleep for 12 hours.

❓ Comprehension Questions

A. Short Answers

1. Why was Liam feeling exhausted? _____
2. What did he say about the stunt team? _____
3. What happened with the cameras? _____
4. What did he say about the lights? _____
5. Was anyone hurt? _____

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B. True or False

1. Liam was happy because filming was easy. **True / False**

2. The director was giving instructions all morning. **True / False**

3. There was a technical problem with the lights. **True / False**

4. Liam didn't want to rest. **True / False**

5. The stunt team wasn't very good. **True / False**

🧠 Vocabulary

Match the reporting verbs to their meanings:

WORDS	MEANINGS
1. Said	a) answered a question
2. Told	b) gave information in general
3. Asked	c) included something extra
4. Replied	d) gave information to someone
5. Mentioned	e) brought up something
6. Added	f) asked a question

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🔍 Grammar Focus – Reported Speech with Progressive Tenses

📌 Rules:

When reporting **progressive tenses**, change:

- Present Continuous → Past Continuous
  → *"I am working." → He said he **was working**.*
- Past Continuous → Past Perfect Continuous
  → *"I was filming all day." → She said she **had been filming** all day.*

🔹 New Verbs to Use:

- told
- asked
- replied
- added
- mentioned
- complained
- explained

🖍️ Practice – Reporting the Drama (10–12 minutes)

A. Complete the reported speech:

1. "We are shooting the final scene." → He said they _____ the final scene.
2. "I was learning my lines." → She said she _____ her lines.
3. "Why are the lights off?" → He asked why _____ off.
4. "We were having problems with the costume." → They said they _____ problems with the costume.
5. "I'm not feeling well." → She told me she _____ well.

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6. "The director is watching us." → He said the director _____ them.

B. Rewrite with new reporting verbs:
Change the direct speech using a suitable reporting verb (not always "said").

1. "I forgot my script." (→ complain) _____
2. "Where is my microphone?" (→ ask) _____
3. "I'll come back after lunch." (→ explain) _____
4. "We're laughing because the scene is funny." (→ reply)

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5. "I think we need a break." (→ mention)

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