

GRAMMAR

Reported speech

1 Match the direct speech (1–4) to the reported speech (a–d).

- 1 'I write for the blog,' she said. _____
- 2 'I'm writing for the blog,' she said. _____
- 3 'I'll write for the blog,' she said. _____
- 4 'I can write for the blog,' she said. _____

a She said she could write for the blog.
b She said she was writing for the blog.
c She said she wrote for the blog.
d She said she would write for the blog.

2 Rewrite these sentences using reported speech.

- 1 'She's reading an interesting article.' Emma said _____
- 2 'Mrs Jones will help me next week.' Ben said _____
- 3 'I don't want to buy a new computer.' Fatima said _____
- 4 'I love downloading free e-books.' My brother said _____
- 5 'Dad can't get here on time.' Mum said _____
- 6 'I'll get some holiday brochures for Japan.' My mum said _____
- 7 'Jo's dad can pick us up.' Alison said _____
- 8 'We won't be there.' They said _____

3 Read these video profiles and then report what the people said.

Hi! I'm Cassie. I'm 15 and I live in the USA. I'm studying for exams now. Then in the summer, I'll go to Camp Kanosia. I love it there because I can swim and do lots of water sports.

- 1 Cassie said _____

Hi! I'm Paolo. I'm 14 and I'm from South Africa. I'm making this video profile at the moment! Next year, I'll go to a different school. It's an art school and I can study drawings, paintings and sculpture there.

- 2 Paolo said _____

4 Correct the mistakes in these sentences or tick (✓) any you think are correct.

- 1 Jane called me, and she said that she and her brother are going to buy some graphic novels. _____
- 2 He said that he is going to put the notice in the students' room. _____
- 3 I want to say you that I got a new e-book. _____
- 4 She saw me and she say that she knew me, and we began to talk. _____
- 5 They said that they would get some paper for the printer. _____

VOCABULARY

say, speak, talk and tell

1 Complete the conversation with the correct form of *say, speak, talk or tell*. Use some words more than once.

Paul: Hello, is that Cara?
Cara: Yes. Who's ¹ _____?
Paul: It's Paul. I'm calling to invite you to my party on Saturday.
Cara: I'm sorry. Can you ² _____ that again? I can't hear you very well.
Paul: I ³ _____, would you like to come to my party on Saturday?
Cara: Yes, I'd love to! My cousin's here on holiday. Can she come too?
Paul: Yes, of course. ⁴ _____ her she's welcome.
Cara: OK, thanks, I'll ⁵ _____ her. I've got to go now. It was nice ⁶ _____ to you. See you on Saturday!

2 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 Can you me what you mean?
a speak b tell c say
- 2 Mum can four languages.
a say b talk c speak
- 3 What did you ? I couldn't hear you.
a speak b talk c say
- 4 It's always nice to to my best friend.
a talk b tell c say