

## Reported speech

## 1 ★★ Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.

1 'We'll be late!'

Tom told us that they *will* / *would* be late.

2 'I've finished my book.'

She told me that she *had* / *has* finished her book.

3 'We're having a lot of fun!'

They said that they *are* / *were* having a lot of fun.

4 'Shh. The play is starting!'

He said that the play *is* / *was* starting.

5 'You can't leave in the middle of the play.'

My mum told me I *couldn't* / *can't* leave in the middle of the play.

6 'We always watch the news together in the evening.'

Jed said that they always *watched* / *watch* the news together in the evening.

## 2 ★★ Read a speaker's words and complete the text with one word or contraction in each gap.

'Sorry. I *don't* want to go to the concert. I've got lots of exams soon and the tickets are very expensive. I *don't* even like the band. I *haven't* listened to any of their music since their first CD. Anyway, I'm trying to save up for the summer holidays.'

Matt said that he <sup>1</sup>didn't want to go to the concert. He told us that he <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ lots of exams soon and that the tickets <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ very expensive. He then said that he <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ even like the band and that he <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ listened to any of their music since their first CD. Finally, he told us that he <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ trying to save up for the summer holidays.

## 3 ★★ Complete the reported sentences with the words from the box. There are three extra words.

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1 'We ate fish yesterday.'

The girls said that *they* \_\_\_\_\_ eaten fish the day \_\_\_\_\_.

2 'I'm watching the news.'

Beth told me that \_\_\_\_\_ watching the news.

3 'I've had some problems with my back.'

Paul told us that \_\_\_\_\_ had some problems with \_\_\_\_\_ back.

4 'I can't afford to eat out tomorrow.'

Kyle said that he \_\_\_\_\_ afford to eat out the day \_\_\_\_\_.

5 'Wow! We haven't heard a better concert in our town.'

The students said that they \_\_\_\_\_ heard a better concert in \_\_\_\_\_ town.

## 4 ★★★ Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

1 'I'm not keen on modern art.'

Cath said that *she wasn't keen on modern art*.

2 'I didn't go out at all yesterday.'

Eric told us that \_\_\_\_\_.

3 'I haven't seen the film yet.'

Samantha said that \_\_\_\_\_.

4 'We'll be back tomorrow.'

Carly said that \_\_\_\_\_.

5 'We're having a meeting.'

Jackson told us that \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5 ★★★ Read the conversation and rewrite it in reported speech.



Adrian Hi, Emily. Real Madrid are playing Barcelona. I'll help you with your homework when it finishes.

Emily That's OK. I love Spanish football. I saw Girona play last year.

Adrian Really? Wow. I often go to watch our local team play, but I've never seen a big match.

Emily My dad's a Chelsea fan. I can get you tickets if you want.

Adrian Wow! Yes, please.

Emily went to Adrian's house because she needed help with her homework. When she arrived, Adrian said 'Hi' and told her that <sup>1</sup>Real Madrid were playing Barcelona and that <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ when the match finished. Emily didn't mind. She told him that <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and that <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ before.

Adrian was surprised. He said that <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ but that <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Emily told him that <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and that <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ if he wanted. Adrian was very happy.

## 6 ON A HIGH NOTE Think of five things people have told you and write them in reported speech.