

GRAMMAR

Reported speech

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb.

- We can't help you.
They told us they _____ help us.
- This is the first time I've tried prawns.
Tom says that this _____ the first time he _____ prawns.
- They're going to the new club next weekend.
He told me they _____ to the new club next weekend.
- The soup is much nicer when it's served hot.
Sarah says the soup _____ much nicer when it _____ hot.
- The original idea was not a practical one.
Mark admitted that the original idea _____ a practical one.

2 Complete the reported speech statements.

- I won't be going on holiday this year.
Sam says _____
- She wanted to come to Kenya with us.
He said she _____
- I've always supported the idea of responsible tourism.
She says _____
- I'm organising a trip to Japan.
She said _____
- I can arrange the whole thing for you.
He told us _____
- Fifty million tourists will be visiting Africa this year.
She claims _____

3 Choose the correct sentence in each pair.

- a** I tell him that you will arrive next week, but I don't think he understood.

b I told him that you would arrive next week, but I don't think he understood.
- a** It was about three o'clock and I asking the other people if they had seen my sister.

b It was about three o'clock and I asked the other people if they had seen my sister.
- a** The officer said that David had forgotten to turn his camera off.

b The officer told that David had forgotten to turn his camera off.
- a** The notice said that ball games were forbidden.

b The notice told that ball games were forbidden.

4 Write the exact words that these people said.

- Ted says that air travel is going to get much more expensive.

- She said she had enjoyed her holiday in Nepal very much.

- Jade said she had been trying to reduce her carbon footprint.

- The agent says that the best holidays aren't always the most expensive.

- Polly said she would never forget the week she had spent in India.

- Our teacher told us we'd never have a better opportunity to study abroad.

VOCABULARY

Reporting verbs

1 Match the verbs to the meanings.

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| 1 agree | _____ |
| 2 confess | _____ |
| 3 forbid | _____ |
| 4 enquire | _____ |
| 5 insist | _____ |
| 6 persuade | _____ |
| 7 point out | _____ |
| 8 recommend | _____ |
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| a order someone not to do something |
| b admit to doing something bad |
| c say firmly that something is true |
| d make someone believe that something is true |
| e tell someone a piece of information |
| f advise that something should be done |
| g ask for information |
| h say that you will do something you have been asked to do |

