

GRAMMAR

> Reported Speech

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1 Choose the correct answer.

- "I'll watch you play baseball tomorrow."
I promised my brother *I'd watch / I'll watch* him play baseball the next day.
- "Lock the door."
My mum reminded me *lock / to lock* the door.
- "I forgot my tennis racket."
Wendy explained that she *forgot / had forgotten* her tennis racket.
- "Do you like the advanced Zumba class?"
The teacher asked us whether we *liked / like* the advanced Zumba class.
- "Let's run in the park next week."
The trainer suggested that we *run / ran* in the park the following week.

2 Choose the correct reporting verb in brackets.

- The coach that I wear knee pads.
(complained / insisted)
- Joe that he had left the match early.
(mentioned / warned)
- The policeman to ban him from games if he threw a bottle again. (ordered / threatened)
- Lucy us not to make any noise.
(warned / admitted)
- I that they could find all of the competition rules online. (explained / suggested)

3 Complete the sentences in reported speech. Use each reporting verb below once. There may be more than one correct answer.

complained wondered declared suggested
wanted to know

- "Is the stadium far from here?"
The tourists
- "The water is freezing cold this morning."
The swimmers
- "Where did the coach go yesterday?"
The footballer
- "Let's watch a baseball game tonight."
I
- "I'm the winner again."
She



4 A reporter attended a community meeting about a new sports centre with the mayor. Read the dialogue below. Then complete the reporter's notes using reported speech.

- Mayor:** Are there any questions about the new sports facility?
- Woman:** Yes. Why do residents have to pay such a high entrance fee?
- Mayor:** Well, running such a well-equipped facility costs a lot. Therefore, residents need to participate in 25% of the expenses, while the municipality will cover the rest.
- Man:** It's been a long time. When is the construction work going to end?
- Mayor:** The project will be completed next month.

The mayor asked ¹
..... any questions about the new sports facility.

A woman wanted to know ²
..... such a high entrance fee.

The mayor claimed ³
..... a lot. She explained ⁴
..... in 25% of the expenses. She added ⁵
the rest.

A man complained ⁶
..... and enquired ⁷

The mayor promised ⁸



5 Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets. Do not change the original meaning of the sentences.

- "Can I borrow your bike?" I asked Dave. (if)
I
- "Run six laps around the stadium," the coach said to the team. (ordered)
The coach
- "Do you exercise every day?" my brother asked me. (whether)
My brother wanted to know
- "Don't swim too far from the shore!" the lifeguard warned. (us)
The lifeguard warned
- "I may miss practice tomorrow," she said. (explained)
She
- "We should order tickets today," Tom said. (suggested)
Tom