

# Grammar in context 1

## Reported speech – Statements

### 1 ☆ Choose the correct alternative.



- 1 'Everyone is enjoying the exhibition.'  
She said everyone enjoyed/was enjoying the exhibition.
- 2 'It's best to visit the Venice Biennale in May'.  
He told them it was/will be best to visit the Venice Biennale in May.
- 3 'Most big film stars have stayed at the Lido Hotel.'  
She told them that most big film stars were staying/had stayed at the Lido Hotel.
- 4 'The art classes were very educational last term'.  
He said the art classes the term before has been/had been very educational.
- 5 'We can see great masterpieces while we are here.'  
He said that they could/was able to see great masterpieces while they were there.

### 2 ☆☆ Read the dialogue and complete the summary as reported speech. Use one word in each gap.



- Fay:** Hi Leo! Are you ready for the play this evening?  
**Leo:** Sort of. I've been practising my lines all day and I think I know them by heart.  
**Fay:** It's very exciting. Is that famous director coming?  
**Leo:** I don't know. He may come tonight or next week.  
**Fay:** You shouldn't be nervous – you're a natural star!  
**Leo:** I'll be fine once I get on stage. Anyway, I must go!  
**Fay:** Best of luck!

Fay asked Leo if he (a) ..... ready for the play (b) ..... evening. He said he (c) ..... been practising his lines and he thought he (d) ..... them by heart. Fay said it was very exciting and asked Leo if the famous director (e) ..... coming. Leo said that he (f) ..... know. He said he (g) ..... come (h) ..... night or the (i) ..... week. Fay told Leo that he (j) ..... be nervous and that he (k) ..... a natural star. Leo said that he (l) ..... be fine once he (m) ..... on stage. He then said that he (n) ..... to go.



3 ☆☆☆ Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

- 1 'We're going on tour tomorrow,' said the musician.  
The musician .....
- 2 The guitarist said to her, 'We've played together for ten years.'  
The guitarist told .....
- 3 'The steps and sequence will be new,' the choreographer said to the dancers.  
The choreographer told .....
- 4 'It may become a permanent collection,' the gallery owner said.  
The gallery owner .....

4 ☆☆☆ Rewrite the sentences in direct speech.

- 1 Sean said he'd never drawn a still life before.  
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Sean told me.
- 2 Aoife said she was acting better now she'd done the course.  
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Aoife said.
- 3 Isa said she had gone to the same music festival that year.  
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Isa said.
- 4 Leah said she was going to the sculpture park the following week.  
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Leah said
- 5 Tarek said he couldn't sketch any more that night because it was too dark.  
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Tarek told me.

