

REPORTED SPEECH (B1 LEVEL)

SECTION 1: Tense Shifts - Part 1 (Multiple Choice)

Instructions: Choose the correct option (a, b, c, or d) to complete each reported sentence.

1. Direct Speech: "I work at a tech company," said Julian.

Reported: Julian said that he _____ at a tech company.

- a) works
- b) worked
- c) has worked
- d) working

2. Direct Speech: "We are preparing a surprise party," they said.

Reported: They said that they _____ a surprise party.

- a) were preparing
- b) are preparing
- c) had prepared
- d) would prepare

3. Direct Speech: "She bought a new camera last week," said Carlos.

Reported: Carlos said that she _____ a new camera the previous week.

- a) buys
- b) was buying
- c) had bought
- d) would buy

4. Direct Speech: "The students were studying in the library," told the supervisor.

Reported: The supervisor told us that the students _____ in the library.

- a) study
- b) are studying
- c) had been studying
- d) will study

5. Direct Speech: "I will send the email tomorrow," promised Laura.

Reported: Laura promised that she _____ the email the next day.

- a) will send
- b) would send
- c) sends
- d) sent

SECTION 2: Reporting Verbs Identification (SAID vs. TOLD)

Instructions: Choose the correct reporting verb option (a, b, c, or d) to complete each sentence.

6. Direct: "I have uploaded the files," _____ Andrea to her teacher.

Reported: Andrea _____ her teacher that she had uploaded the files.

- a) said
- b) told
- c) says
- d) telling

7. Direct: "We will start the meeting now," the coordinator announced.

Reported: The coordinator _____ that they would start the meeting then.

- a) told
- b) told to
- c) said
- d) say to

8. Direct: "She was practicing her presentation," _____ Felipe.

Reported: Felipe _____ us that she had been practicing her presentation.

- a) said
- b) told
- c) said to
- d) telling

9. Direct: "They are going to travel to Bogotá," the agent declared.

Reported: The agent _____ that they were going to travel to Bogotá.

- a) told
- b) said
- c) told that
- d) say

10. Direct: "I didn't complete the homework," Lucas confessed.

Reported: Lucas _____ me that he hadn't completed the homework.

- a) told
- b) said
- c) said me
- d) telling

SECTION 3: Modals, Pronouns & Time/Place Adverbs - Part 1

Instructions: Choose the correct option (a, b, c, or d) to complete each reported sentence.

1. Direct Speech: "I **can** fix **your** bicycle **tomorrow**," said Daniel.

Reported: Daniel said that he _____ fix _____ bicycle _____.

- a) can / my / tomorrow
- b) could / my / the next day
- c) would / his / yesterday
- d) could / your / the following week

2. Direct Speech: "You **should** bring **your** notebook **here**," told Paula.

Reported: Paula told me that I _____ bring _____ notebook _____.

- a) shall / my / here
- b) should / my / there
- c) would / your / here
- d) could / her / there

3. Direct Speech: "**These** keys belong to **my** uncle," said Mariana.

Reported: Mariana said that _____ keys belonged to _____ uncle.

- a) these / her
- b) those / his
- c) those / her
- d) this / my

4. Direct Speech: "I **would** like to invite **you now**," told Gabriel.

Reported: Gabriel told us that he _____ like to invite _____.

- a) will / us / then
- b) would / us / then
- c) could / them / now
- d) would / you / that day

5. Direct Speech: "I **can't** find **my** phone in **this** room," said Andres.

Reported: Andres said that he _____ find _____ phone in _____ room.

- a) can't / my / this
- b) couldn't / his / that
- c) wouldn't / her / that
- d) shouldn't / his / this

6. Direct Speech: "We **should** revise **our** essays **today**," told the class.

Reported: The class told the teacher that they _____ revise _____ essays _____.

- a) should / their / that day
- b) would / our / today
- c) could / his / the next day
- d) should / their / yesterday

7. Direct Speech: "I **would** buy **these** books if I were **you**," said Luisa.

Reported: Luisa said that she _____ buy _____ books if she were _____.

- a) will / these / you
- b) would / those / me
- c) could / those / him
- d) should / this / me

8. Direct Speech: "We **can** meet **you here next week**," told the members.

Reported: The members told us that they _____ meet _____ the following week.

- a) can / us / here
- b) could / us / there
- c) would / me / here
- d) should / them / there

SECTION 4: PRUEBA SABER 11 - PART 4 (Incomplete Text / Gap Filling)

Instructions: Read the text below and select the correct option (A, B, C, or D) for each space (1–5).

A Message From the Principal

Yesterday, our principal organized a general meeting at school. She (1) _____ the students that a new English reading program was going to start. During her presentation, she explained that all students (2) _____ read one book per month. She (3) _____ that we had to visit the library regularly. Our language teacher also joined the meeting and told (4) _____ that we (5) _____ borrow books during that week.

1. **A)** said **B)** told **C)** told to **D)** saying
2. **A)** should **B)** will **C)** shall **D)** must to
3. **A)** said **B)** told me **C)** told that **D)** saying to
4. **A)** we **B)** us **C)** our **D)** ours
5. **A)** can **B)** could **C)** will **D)** are going to

SECTION 8: PRUEBA SABER 11 - PART 6 (Reading Comprehension)

Instructions: Read the passage and answer questions 1–5 by choosing the correct option (A, B, C, or D).

The Environmental Talk

Last Tuesday, Esteban attended a conference about forest conservation in Santander. The main speaker, Dr. Gomez, told the audience that deforestation was affecting local wildlife. He explained that many species had lost their habitats over the past five years.

Dr. Gomez stated that local communities were working on reforestation projects and added that new trees would be planted the following month. During his talk, he said: *"Young people can lead these environmental campaigns in their schools today."* When Esteban wrote his report the next day, he made sure to transform all statements accurately into reported speech.

6. What did Dr. Gomez tell the audience about deforestation?

- A) It was affecting local wildlife.
- B) It is going to stop next week.
- C) It will not hurt any animals.
- D) It had stopped completely.

7. According to the text, how did Esteban correctly report Dr. Gomez's words about young people?

- A) He said that young people can lead these environmental campaigns today.
- B) He told young people could lead those environmental campaigns that day.
- C) He said that young people could lead those environmental campaigns that day.
- D) He told that young people will lead these campaigns tomorrow.

8. Why is **"told"** used in the first paragraph (*"Dr. Gomez told the audience..."*) instead of **"said"**?

- A) Because there is a direct personal object (*the audience*).
- B) Because the sentence is in the future tense.
- C) Because it is a direct question.
- D) Because *told* is only used with modal verbs.

9. How did the phrase "**next month**" from Dr. Gomez's original talk change in Esteban's report?

- A) It changed to "the month before".
- B) It changed to "the following month".
- C) It remained as "next month".
- D) It changed to "that month ago".

10. What did Dr. Gomez say about reforestation projects?

- A) That local communities were working on them.
- B) That nobody wanted to participate in them.
- C) That they had finished them two years before.
- D) That schools would cancel them.