Unit 50

She said that ... He told me that ...

A

Last week you went to a party. A lot of your friends were there. Here are some things they said to you:

Today you meet Paul. You tell him about the party. You tell Paul what your friends said:

CLARE



"**I'm** enjoying my new job."

"**My father isn't** well."

am / is → **was**

- Clare said that **she was** enjoying her new job.
- She said that **her father wasn't** well.

SARAH



"**We're** going to buy a house."

BEN

are → were

- Sarah and Ben said that **they were** going to buy a house.

PETER



"**I have** to leave early."

"**My sister has** gone to Australia."

have / has → **had**

- Peter said that **he had** to leave early.
- He said that **his sister had** gone to Australia.

KATE



"**I can't** find a job."

can → could

- Kate said that **she couldn't** find a job.

STEVE



"**I'll** phone you."

will → would

- Steve said that **he would** phone me.

RACHEL



"**I don't** like my job."

"**My son doesn't** like school."

do / does → **did**

- Rachel said that **she didn't** like her job.
- She said that **her son didn't** like school.

MIKE



"**You look** tired."

"**I feel** fine."

YOU

look → looked
feel → felt
etc. etc.
(present) (past)

- Mike said that **I looked** tired.
- I said that **I felt** fine.

B

say and **tell**

say (→ said)

- He **said** that he was tired. (*not* He said me)
- What did she **say to** you? (*not* say you)

We say **he said to me, I said to Ann** etc. (*not* 'he said me', 'I said Ann').

tell (→ told)

- He **told me** that he was tired. (*not* He told that)
- What did she **tell you**? (*not* tell to you)

We say **he told me, I told Ann** etc. (*not* 'he told to me', 'I told to Ann').

C

You can say:

- He said **that** he was tired. *or* He said he was tired. (*without* that)
- Kate told me **that** she couldn't find a job. *or* Kate told me she couldn't find a job.

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Exercises

50.1 Read what these people say and write sentences with **He/She/They said (that) ... .**

1  I've lost my watch.

He said he had lost his watch.

2  I'm very busy.

3  I can't go to the party.

4  I have to go out.

5  I'm learning Russian.

6  I don't feel very well.

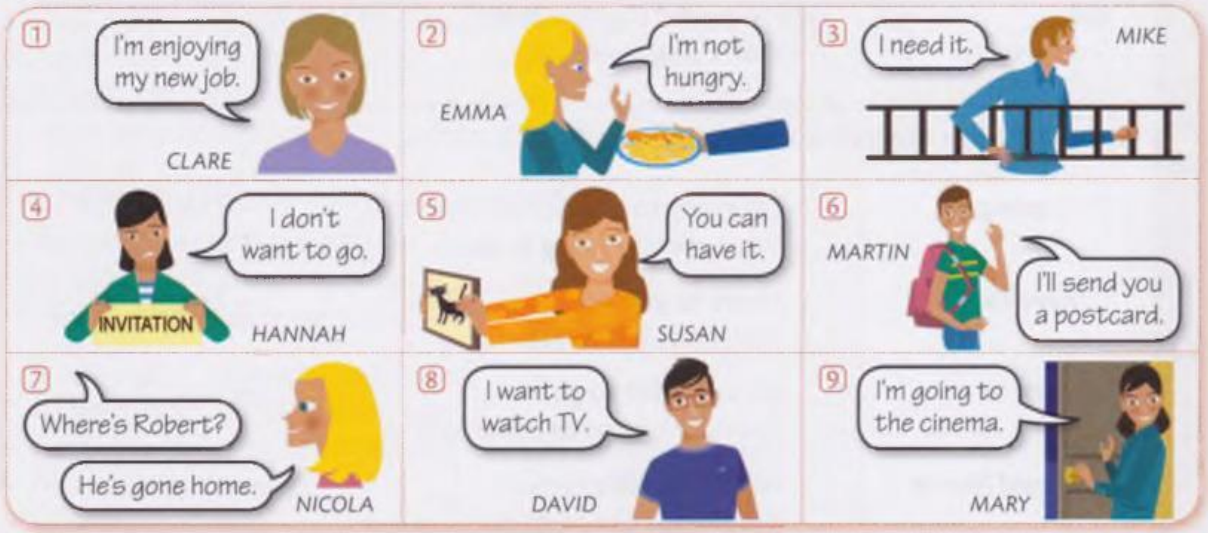
7  We'll be home late.

8  I've just come back from holiday.

9  I'm going to buy a guitar.

10  We haven't got a key.

50.2 Use the pictures to complete the sentences.



1 I met Clare last week. She said she was enjoying her new job.
2 Emma didn't want anything to eat. She said .....
3 I wanted to borrow Mike's ladder, but he said .....
4 Hannah was invited to the party, but she said .....
5 Susan told me she didn't want the picture. She said .....
6 Martin has just gone away on holiday. He said .....
7 I was looking for Robert. Nicola said .....
8 'Why did David stay at home?' 'He said .....'
9 'Has Mary gone out?' 'I think so. She said .....'

50.3 Write **say/said** or **tell/told**.

1 He said he was tired.
2 What did she tell you?
3 Anna ..... she didn't like Peter.
4 Jack ..... me that you were ill.
5 Please don't ..... Dan what happened.
6 Did Lucy ..... she would be late?
7 The woman ..... she was a reporter.
8 The woman ..... us she was a reporter.
9 They asked me a lot of questions, but I didn't ..... them anything.
10 They asked me a lot of questions, but I didn't ..... anything.

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