

1 GRAMMAR reported speech

a Match the direct speech to the reported speech.

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| 1 'I work hard.' | <input type="text" value="e"/> |
| 2 'I worked hard.' | <input type="text"/> |
| 3 'I'm working hard.' | <input type="text"/> |
| 4 'I can work hard.' | <input type="text"/> |
| 5 'I'll work hard.' | <input type="text"/> |

- a Emma said that she had worked hard.
b Emma said that she could work hard.
c Emma said that she would work hard.
d Emma said that she was working hard.
e Emma said that she worked hard.

b Complete the reported speech.

Direct speech

- 'I want to leave my husband.'
- 'I don't like my wife's parents.'
- 'I'm getting divorced.'
- 'I've been to the hospital.'
- 'I haven't met my brother's girlfriend yet.'
- 'I saw James with another woman.'
- 'I can't cook.'
- 'I won't tell anyone.'
- 'I'll speak to my boss.'
- 'I have a lot of work to do.'
- 'We would love to travel abroad.'

Reported speech

Jane said that she *wanted to leave her husband*.

- Peter told me that he .
- Katie told me that she .
- Matt told me that he .
- Susan said that she .
- Robert said that he .
- Lucy told me that she .
- Martin said that he .
- Katherine said that she .
- My boyfriend told me that he .
- Jane and Tom said that they .

C Write the sentences in direct speech.

- 1 Alice said she was busy.

She said: '*I'm busy.*'

- 2 Amelia said that she wanted a cup of coffee.

She said: '_____.'

- 3 They told me that they hadn't seen their new neighbours yet.

They said: '_____.'

- 4 Steve told me that he didn't want to go to the cinema.

He said: '_____.'

- 5 Helen and Paul said they would come to the party.

They said: '_____.'

- 6 Fabio said that he had broken his arm.

He said: '_____.'

- 7 The guide told me that the building was very old.

She said: '_____.'

- 8 My friends said that they couldn't help me.

They said: '_____.'

Circle the correct word.

- 1 They **said** / **told** us that they were getting married next month.
- 2 Did Angela **say** / **tell** you that she wasn't happy?
- 3 Janet's husband **said** / **told** that he was working late.
- 4 You **said** / **told** that you didn't like men with beards.
- 5 I **said** / **told** you that I had a new girlfriend.
- 6 We **said** / **told** that we were going away this weekend.
- 7 Did Paul **say** / **tell** that he couldn't come tonight?
- 8 I **said** / **told** Mary that you were in a meeting.
- 9 The teacher **said** / **told** that we had to do exercise 5.
- 10 You didn't **say** / **tell** me that Mike had called this morning.

Change the time reference.

Sometimes more than one answer is correct.

- 1 Sally is leaving **today**.
He said Sally was leaving _____.
- 2 He visited London **last week**.
He said he had visited London _____.
- 3 We had an argument **last night**.
He said they'd had an argument _____.
- 4 I'm not eating **now**.
He said he wasn't eating _____.
- 5 Jimmy is coming **next week**.
He said Jimmy was coming _____.
- 6 I forgot my key **yesterday**.
He said he'd forgotten his key _____.
- 7 I'll call you **tomorrow**.
He said he would call me _____.
- 8 I don't live **here** anymore.
He said he didn't live _____ anymore.
- 9 I'm meeting Phil **tonight**.
She said she was meeting Phil _____.