

Grammar

Reported Speech (Statements)

Direct Speech

- 'I'm going to go mountain climbing tomorrow,' John said to Oliver.
- 'I must book the tickets,' Jenny said.
- 'A new travel agency opened in the High Street last week,' Alan said to me.

Reported Speech

- John told Oliver (that) he was going to go mountain climbing the next day.
- Jenny said (that) she had to book the tickets.
- Alan told me (that) a new travel agency had opened in the High Street the previous week.

NOTE Apart from *say* and *tell*, the following reporting verbs can also be used in Reported Speech: *refuse*, *offer*, *agree*, *promise*, *threaten*, *advise*, *remind*, *invite*, *suggest*, *admit*, *deny*, *explain*, *announce*, etc.:

Rewrite the sentences using Reported Speech.

1. 'We will reach our destination tomorrow at 5am,' the tour guide said to us.

2. 'My sister has bought all the necessary camping gear,' Kate said.

3. 'I can't go hiking with you because I hurt my ankle yesterday,' Ryan said to Fiona.

4. 'My dad's going on a business trip to Paris next weekend,' Harry said.

5. 'I may become a receptionist in the future,' Karen said.

Listen

A. Read the newspaper article below and answer the questions.

- Do you know what an avalanche is?
- What can happen during an avalanche?
- Who is usually affected by an avalanche?

DEADLY AVALANCHES



A series of avalanches have hit ski resorts in France after the heavy snowfalls of last week. At least 4 people have lost their lives and the destruction is sure to affect skiers considering a ski holiday this season.

B. You will hear part of a radio interview with two people who survived an avalanche. Guess what happened to them. Then listen and check your answers.

C. Listen again and answer the questions. Choose a, b or c.

1. Why did the ski instructor say it was dangerous to go skiing?
a. Because Carrie and Mark weren't experienced skiers.
b. Because there was a lot of snow.
c. Because it was snowing.
2. What did Carrie do when she first saw the avalanche?
a. She tried to avoid it.
b. She tried to move faster than it.
c. She covered her mouth.
3. Is it possible to survive buried under snow after half an hour?
a. Yes
b. No
c. Sometimes
4. Why did Mark decide to dig Carrie out?
a. Because he knew exactly where she was.
b. Because they were far from the ski resort.
c. Because a rescue worker had told him that's the best thing to do.
5. Carrie panicked when Mark pulled her leg because...
a. she didn't know who or what was pulling her.
b. she didn't realise someone was pulling her upwards.
c. it was broken.