

Grammar 3A

Reported statements and questions

Complete the reported statements and questions with the correct form of the verb used in the direct speech.

- 1 'I met an old acquaintance on the train yesterday.'
John told me he _____ an old acquaintance on the train the day before.
- 2 'What time is it?' I asked her.
He asked her what time it _____.
- 3 'I'm not wearing a watch,' she said.
She told him she _____ a watch.
- 4 'Have I seen you somewhere before?' I asked her.
He asked her if he _____ her somewhere before.
- 5 'We met at a party a long time ago,' she said.
She said that they _____ at a party a long time ago.
- 6 'I can't remember your name,' I said.
He told her that he _____ remember her name.
- 7 'Are you going to get this train tomorrow?' I asked her.
He asked her if she _____ that train the next day.
- 8 'I don't know,' she said.
She said that she _____.
- 9 'If I see her I'll say hello,' I said.
He told me that if he saw her he _____ hello.

Extend your vocabulary – *listen and hear*

Choose the correct option to complete the conversation.

A: Hey, Monica! I (1) *listen* / *hear* you're going to have a baby. Congratulations!

B: Who told you that? It's meant to be a secret.

A: To be honest, nobody really told me. I (2) *listened to* / *overheard* it in a conversation.

B: Do you always (3) *listen to* / *bear* other people's conversations?

A: No, but I was having lunch in the canteen and I (4) *bear* / *listened to* your name and the word 'baby', and then I (5) *listened* / *heard* harder to see what the people were talking about.

B: Well, please keep it to yourself. I don't want everyone to (6) *bear* / *listen* about it. You can tell Helen if you like, but make sure nobody's (7) *listening* / *bearing* when you do!

A: OK!