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a Complete the reported speech.

Direct speech	Reported speech
1 'I want to leave him.'	She said that she wanted to leave him.
2 'I don't like her parents.'	He told me that he .....
3 'I'm getting divorced.'	She told me that she .....
4 'I've been to the police station.'	He told me that he .....
5 'I haven't met his girlfriend.'	She said that she .....
6 'I saw James with another woman.'	He said that he .....
7 'I can't cook.'	She told me that she .....
8 'I won't tell anyone.'	He said that he .....
9 'I'll speak to her tomorrow.'	She said that she .....
10 'I've got a lot of work to do.'	He told me that he .....

b Write the sentences in direct speech.



1 She said she was busy.
She said: I'm busy.
2 Jane said that she wanted a cup of coffee.
She said:.....
3 They told me that they hadn't seen the new neighbours yet.
They said:.....

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4 Steve told me that he didn't want to go to the cinema.
He said:.....

5 Helen and Paul said they would go to the party.
They said:.....

6 He said that his computer had just broken.
He said:.....

7 She told me that the city was very old.
She said: .....

8 They said that they would visit me.
They said:.....





c Choose.

1 Her husband **said / told** that he was working late.

2 She **said / told** me that she wasn't happy.

3 They **said / told** us that they were getting married.

4 You **said / told** that she 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 to be late.

7 Anna **said / told** you that she didn't have a car.

8 I **said / told** her that John was busy.

9 He **said / told** that we had to do exercise five.

10 You **said / told** that she had called Mike this morning.

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d Complete the sentences with *said* or *told*.

1 She ..... that she had been to a friend's house.

2 We ..... our parents we wouldn't be home for lunch.

3 I ..... you that the man wasn't her brother.

4 They ..... that they were going on holiday.

5 He ..... me that he didn't have a girlfriend.

6 You ..... that you weren't going out tonight.

7 James ..... that he was busy tonight.

8 I ..... that the film started at eight o'clock.

9 We ..... them that his sister was on holiday.

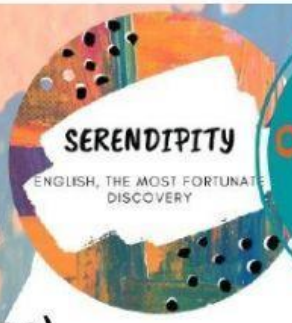
10 Olivia ..... me that she had called Jack this morning

e Listen to Alan and Jess discussing a survey. Do they both gossip at work? Yes / No



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f Listen again and write T (true) or F (false).

1 Jess and Alan think that women gossip more than men.

2 According to the results of the survey, Jess and Alan are right.

3 The survey was done by a newspaper.

4 Nobody was surprised by the results of the survey.

5 Over 50 percent of the men in the survey said they gossiped at work.

6 Less than 50 per cent of women said they gossiped.

7 The men in the survey talked about topics related to work.

8 The women talked about their male colleagues.

Learn these useful words and phrases

genes
gossip
share
according to
feel guilty
in general
pass on
social skill

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