

# 8B

## Grammar

### Reported speech (1)

*I can report what other people have said.*

**1 What did the people say? Rewrite the reported speech as direct speech.**

- 1 She said that she wasn't going out.  
*'I'm not going out.'*
- 2 He said that he wanted to go to bed.  
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- 3 They said they were arriving at six o'clock.  
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- 4 She said that she didn't like cheese.  
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- 5 He said he had been to Italy in 2009.  
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- 6 She said that she was reading a good book.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 They said they had received a lot of good advice.  
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- 8 He said that he wasn't going to do the washing-up.  
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**2 Complete the reported speech.**

- 1 'Somebody stole my wallet,' said James.  
James said somebody *had stolen* his wallet.
- 2 'The suspect is at the police station,' said Alex.  
Alex said that the suspect \_\_\_\_\_ at the police station.
- 3 'The police are appealing for witnesses,' said the reporter.  
The reporter said the police \_\_\_\_\_ for witnesses.
- 4 'I'm going to search the house,' said the officer.  
The officer said she \_\_\_\_\_ the house.
- 5 'The police launched an investigation into the muggings,' said George.  
George said that the police \_\_\_\_\_ an investigation into the muggings.
- 6 'In London the police make hundreds of arrests every day,' said the TV announcer.  
The TV announcer said the police \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of arrests every day.
- 7 'I think arson is worse than burglary,' said Jane.  
Jane said she \_\_\_\_\_ that arson \_\_\_\_\_ worse than burglary.

**3 Rewrite the direct speech as reported speech. You may have to change pronouns and references to time or place.**

- 1 'We arrested the culprits last Tuesday,' said the police inspector.  
*The police inspector said that they had arrested the culprits the Tuesday before.*
- 2 'Somebody broke into our house last night,' said Mike.  
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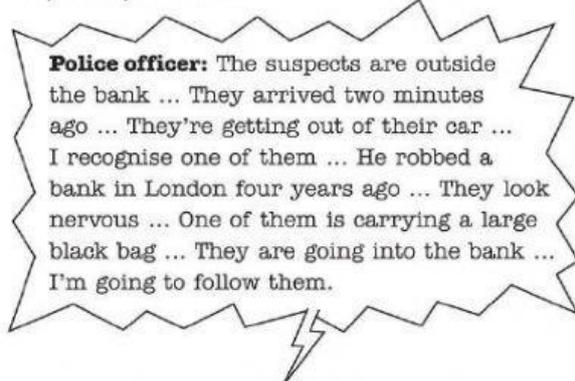
3 'People sometimes sell drugs outside my school,' said Kate.  
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4 'We are going to study the CCTV footage today,' said the police officer.  
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5 'Jack stole a camera from a shop yesterday,' said Fred.  
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6 'The police are looking for the thief who stole my car,' said Sam.  
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**4 Read the police officer's radio report. Then rewrite it as reported speech below.**



- 1 The police officer said that the suspects were outside the bank.
- 2 She said \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She said \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 She said \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 She said \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 She said \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 She said \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 She said \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 She said \_\_\_\_\_