

# Reported speech

## Grammar

### 1 Complete the reported speech with the correct verb form and *said* or *told*. (5)

- 'I'm pushing for better recycling facilities.'  
The politician \_\_\_\_\_ she \_\_\_\_\_ for better recycling facilities.
- 'You need to build up your stamina.'  
My personal trainer \_\_\_\_\_ me I \_\_\_\_\_ to build up my stamina.
- 'We've made an incredible breakthrough!'  
The scientists \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ an incredible breakthrough.
- 'You should cut down on sugar.'  
The dentist \_\_\_\_\_ Freddie he \_\_\_\_\_ on sugar.
- 'I want to see the film at 7.30.'  
Kate \_\_\_\_\_ that she \_\_\_\_\_ to see the film at 7.30.

### 2 Complete the reported statements with the correct time references. (5)

- 'We're going to the cinema this afternoon,' said Magda.  
Magda said they were going to the cinema \_\_\_\_\_.
- 'I saw someone shoplifting yesterday,' said the witness.  
The witness said she had seen someone shoplifting \_\_\_\_\_.
- 'I gave up junk food last year,' said Dad.  
Dad said he had given up junk food \_\_\_\_\_.
- 'It's going to snow tomorrow,' said the weather reporter.  
The weather reporter said it was going to snow \_\_\_\_\_.
- 'We're going to publish our findings next month,' said the scientists.  
The scientists said they were going to publish their findings \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3 Complete the reported statements. (10)

- "I don't like chocolate" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "I won't see you tomorrow" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "She's living in Paris for a few months" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I visited my parents at the weekend" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "She hasn't eaten sushi before" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I hadn't travelled by underground before I came to London"  
She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "They would help if they could" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I'll do the washing-up later" She told me \_\_\_\_\_
- "He could read when he was three" She said \_\_\_\_\_
- "I was sleeping when Julie called" She said \_\_\_\_\_