

Empower B1+ USA

1 GRAMMAR Reported speech: statements and questions

Complete the reported speech with the correct verb form. Change the tense where possible.

- 1 'Mandy's coming to stay with me next week.'
She said that Mandy was coming to stay with her the following week.
- 2 'Martin has just sent me a text message.'
He said that _____.
- 3 'I'll phone you when I get home from work.'
He told me _____.
- 4 'Are you going to buy your brother a present this afternoon?'
He asked me _____.
- 5 'Why can't you lend me some money?'
She asked me _____.
- 6 'You must stop writing immediately and give me your papers.'
The examiner said that we _____.
- 7 'I want you to take these flowers for your grandmother.'
She told me _____.

2 VOCABULARY The news

Underline the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 The *reporter* / editor / *presenter* is the most important journalist at a newspaper.
- 2 Let's listen to the *notices* / *journals* / news on the radio to see if they say anything about tomorrow's underground drivers' strike.
- 3 If you want to know what's happening in Hollywood, you should watch the *business* / entertainment / *political* news.
- 4 News of the explosion in Washington *posted* / *communicated* / spread very quickly on Facebook.
- 5 My newspaper has four pages of *current affairs* / *celebrity gossip* / *feeds* about the lives of Hollywood actors and sports stars.
- 6 He's a billionaire who owns the biggest news *company* / *feed* / *organisation* in Europe.
- 7 There's a *current* / news / *politics* affairs programme on TV tonight about the presidential elections in the USA.
- 8 I want to watch the *entertainment* / *political* / *business* news because I'm interested in next week's local elections.