Reported Speech: Statements

1 Complete the rules

We use reported speech to tell someone what another person said. The main verb usually moves back one tense into the _____. We also change pronouns and possessive adjectives where necessary and there are often changes in words that show _____ and place.
We can use the verbs say and tell to report speech. When we use _____, we follow it with an object.

2 Choose the correct verb

1 The film critic told / said that Conquest was the best film he'd ever seen.
2 I was impressed when my drama teacher said that she / I had performed on Broadway.
3 We told our parents that we would go to the opera with them the last week / following day.
4 David said he had lent Jenny his music book the day before / yesterday.
5 The director said he was busy at the moment / at that moment.
6 Mrs. Hill said her son's friend had broken her / its CD player.
7 Tina told me that you / I recommended buying the soundtrack of *Mamma Mía.*
8 I told / said Jodie that she had to rehearse for the audition.

3 Change the direct speech into reported

1 'I enjoyed the party last night,' Veronica said.
Veronica said (that) she
2 'My mum doesn't like this reality show,' Tom said.
Tom said (that) his mum
3 'We're going to visit the National Art Gallery tomorrow,' Mrs. Jones told us.
Mrs. Jones told us (that) we
4 'Susan and Amanda will help me learn my lines,' said Natalie.
Natalie said (that) Susan and Amanda
5 'I must finish my film review tonight,' Samantha said.
Samantha said (that) she
6 'I'm watching an interesting documentary at the moment,' Dad said.
Dad said (that) he
7 'Matthew joined the drama group last month,' Bill told me.
Bill told me (that) Matthew