

REPORTED SPEECH – STATEMENTS

Part A. Read the article about lying. Identify the sentences in **direct** and **indirect** speech.

THE TRUTH ABOUT LYING

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At 9:00 Rick Spivak's bank phoned and said that his credit payment was late. "The check is in the mail," Rick said quickly. At 11:45 Rick left for a 12:00 meeting across town. Arriving late, Rick told his client that traffic had been bad. That evening, Rick's fiancée wore a new dress. Rick didn't like it. He said: "It looks just great on you."

Three lies in one day! Yet Rick is just an ordinary guy. Each time, he told himself that sometimes the truth caused too many problems. He told himself that his fiancée was feeling good about her purchase. Why should he hurt her feelings?

Is telling lies a new trend? The majority of people in a recent survey said that people had been more honest ten years ago. Nevertheless, lying wasn't really born yesterday. In the eighteenth century, the French philosopher Vauvenargues told the truth about lying when he said: "All men are born truthful and die liars."

Extract the sentences from the text and write them in the correct category below.

Direct Speech	Indirect Speech
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Part B: Someone reported about the weather forecast. Choose the sentence that corresponds to the weather forecaster's exact words.



1. She said it was going to be a terrible storm
 - A) "It was a terrible storm."
 - B) "It's going to be a terrible storm."
2. She said the winds might reach 170 miles per hour.
 - A) "The winds would reach 170 miles per hour."
 - B) "The winds may reach 170 miles per hour."
3. She said there would be more rain the next day.
 - A) "There will be more rain the next day."
 - B) "There will be more rain tomorrow."
4. She told people that they should try to leave the area.
 - A) "You should tried to leave the area."
 - B) "You should try to leave the area."
5. She said that they could expect a lot of damage.
 - A) "We can expect a lot of damage."
 - B) "They could expect a lot of damage."

Part C. Complete the phrases. Use the information from the situations in the pictures.

1 DIANE I'm enjoying my new job.	2 BETTY I'm not hungry.	3 MIKE I need my ladder.
4 SALLY I don't want to go to the party.	5 SHARON You can take my book.	6 MARTIN I'll send you a postcard.
7 LINDA Where's Robert? He has gone home.	8 STEVE I want to watch TV.	9 MARY I'm going to the cinema.

Example: → 1. Diane said that *she was enjoying her* new job.

2. Betty said that _____.

3. Mike said that _____.

4. Sally said that _____.

5. Sharon told me that _____.

6. Martin told me that _____.

7. Linda said that _____.

8. Steve said that _____.

9. Mary said that _____.