Language focus 1

Reported statements

1 ★ **Complete the rules in the table.**

1	When we report a conversation, we can use the verbs _____ or _____ .
2	The verb _____ must be followed by a direct object, but the verb _____ has no direct object.

2 ★ **Circle the correct words in the text.**

He [1] **told / said** that his name was Julio, and [2] **said / told** us that he was a tourist. Then he [3] **said / told** that he didn't speak much English. He was hurt, so I [4] **said / told** him that he needed to wait while I phoned for an ambulance. They [5] **said / told** that it would take ten minutes. I tried to [6] **say / tell** Julio that the ambulance wouldn't be long, but he was unconscious. Finally, the ambulance came and took him to hospital. The paramedics [7] **said / told** us that we didn't need to worry, and that he would be OK. Let's hope so.

3 ★★ **Complete the reported statements.**

1 'I think it's wrong to download songs without paying,' said Errol.
Errol said that he *thought it was* wrong to download songs without paying.

2 'I ran after the pickpocket but I didn't catch him,' the boy told us.
The boy told us that he _____ after the pickpocket but that he _____ him.

3 'Although the cameras can't stop crime, they will help catch more criminals,' he said.
He said that although the cameras _____ crime, they _____ catch more criminals.

4 'I've reported the robbery to the police,' she said.
She said that she _____ the robbery to the police.

5 'The robbers broke into the school through a window,' the head teacher said.
The head teacher said that the robbers _____ into the school through a window.

6 'Crimes on property aren't as serious as crimes against people,' Karl said.
Karl said that crimes on property _____ as serious as crimes against people.

4 ★★ **Read this report by a store detective. Write what the girl said.**

1 The teenager said that she was innocent.
'I'm innocent.'

2 She told me that she hadn't stolen any sweets.
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3 She said that she had her little brother with her.
_____

4 She told me that he had put the sweets in her bag.
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5 She said that she would put them back.
_____

6 She told me that she could pay for them.
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5 ★★★ **Read what a witness said to a police officer. Then complete the report.**

My name is Darren Smith. I live at number 27, Owen Road. I saw a car stop outside number 29 at about 8 o'clock last night. I've seen it before. It's a black Mercedes. I don't know the number. A man got out and went into the house. I can't remember what the man looked like. I'll ask my wife when she comes home.

The witness said that [1] *his name was* Darren Smith, and that [2] _____ at number 27, Owen Road. He told me that [3] _____ a car stop outside number 29 at about 8 o'clock on the night of the kidnapping. He said that [4] _____ before, that [5] _____ a black Mercedes, but that [6] _____ the number. He said that [7] _____ and gone into the house. He told me that [8] _____ what the man looked like. He told me that [9] _____ his wife when [10] _____ home.