

INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

3 Match each sentence in direct speech (1-5) with its summarized version in reported speech (a-e).

- 1 'Look, sorry about this, but I'm afraid I'm going to be a bit late.'c.....
- 2 'Actually I've no idea at all where I am!'
- 3 'The thing is, I know it's silly but I've missed the bus.'
- 4 'Anyway, I'll be back in next to no time.'
- 5 'I did ring, you know, earlier in the evening.'
- a She said she would be back soon.
- b She said she had missed the bus.
- c She said she was going to be late.
- d She said she had already rung.
- e She said she didn't know where she was.

4 Complete each sentence, using *say*, *tell* or *speak* in an appropriate form.

- 1 Daniel^{told}..... me that he was playing in the school basketball team.
- 2 I to Helen, and she she would phone you.
- 3 'You're lucky,' Steve. 'I you that you would win!'
- 4 A translator the president what the Chinese visitors were
- 5 'Look,' I her, 'why don't you me what you mean?'
- 6 I my teacher that I Chinese, but she didn't believe me.

5 Rewrite each sentence in reported speech, beginning as shown.

- 1 'I won't be there because I'm having a party,' said Lucy.
Lucy told us that she~~wouldn't be there because she was having a party~~.....
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- 2 'I've lost the map and I don't know the way,' said Jack.
Jack told me that he
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- 3 'When I finish the book, I'm going to watch television,' said Jessica.
Jessica said that when
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- 4 'I'm doing some homework but I won't be long,' said Mike.
Mike said that he
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- 5 'I got up late and I missed the bus,' said Richard.
Richard said that he
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