


Reporting ideas, questions, requests and actions.

i. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the correct verb in brackets.

 Write the verb in the correct tense or form



- 1) Her teacher _____ (say/tell) their exam results were excellent.
- 2) She _____ (say/tell) us that we should apologise for what our son had done.
- 3) They _____ (enquire/tell) if the hotel had any rooms available .
- 4) Dad _____ (say/demand) that Becky tidied her room.
- 5) Lee _____ (enquire/ask) the teacher to open the window.
- 6) Ann _____ (ask/want) to know if we were going to Tim's party this weekend.
- 7) I _____ (tell/ask) him he could borrow my car the week after next.


ii. What did they speakers say? Match the reports in exercise i with the extracts of speech below.

- a) ____ 'Tidy up your room!'
- b) ____ 'You should apologise for what your son has done.'
- c) ____ 'Your exam results are excellent.'
- d) ____ 'Are you going to Tim's party this weekend?'
- e) ____ 'Could you open the window, please?'
- f) ____ 'You can borrow my car the week after next.'
- g) ____ 'Are there any rooms available?'

iii. Choose the correct option to complete the text.**THE WORST INTERVIEW I EVER HAD**
BY ACTOR RUDY SEARS

It was with a young journalist and he started out by asking me normal questions. He asked how long it _____ me to become successful as an actor and I told him that I _____ a particular point where I could say I was successful. He asked who _____ the greatest influence on my acting style and I said that my mother _____ - she was an amateur actress. Then he started on the personal questions: he asked if my marriage _____ and if it was true that my wife _____ a divorce. I said I _____ discuss that and that I _____ go. In the end, he wrote a very negative article about me but it actually helped my career.


iv. Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences. Rewrite the whole sentence.

 Use capital letters and punctuation marks



1. She said me she'd phoned me that evening.
2. The forecaster explained us that it might be wet and windy over the weekend.
3. When arrested, the suspect confessed he talked to the girls the previous night.
4. He told everybody not to worry as things will get better.
5. He asked how long she has been working at IBM when he met her.
6. The man asked me to find out what the next station stop is.

v. Complete the reported speech sentences. Use only between two and five words including the word given. Observe the example.

 Write only the missing words. Use contractions and capital letters when

necessary

0. 'I want to leave school,' Emilio said to his father.

TOLD

Emilio told his father he wanted to leave school.

1 'Could you sing something for us?' the guys in the band asked me.

WANTED

The guys in the band _____ could sign something for them.

2 'You didn't give me your phone number,' Ben said.

HIM

Ben explained that I _____ my phone number.

3 'Why don't you like computer games?' Jane asked Rick.

HE

Jane asked Rick _____ computer games.

4 'Were you working for Sarah at that time?' Harry asked.

WORKING

Harry asked me _____ for Sarah at that time.

5 'I won't be seeing Katya until tomorrow,' she said.

KATYA

She said she _____ until the next day.