

REPORTED SPEECH

Listening activity

You are going to hear a radio interview. Rachel, a reporter in the studio, is talking to a man called James Baker, who is sailing in a round-the-world yacht race.

Later, Rachel tells a colleague about the conversation. Read what Rachel says, then listen and fill in the gaps with James's actual words.

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| 1 Rachel: James told me he was about 100 kilometres off the coast of Australia.
James: 'I <u> m </u> about 100 kilometres off the coast of Australia.' | 6 Rachel: He told me the sea was calm, the sun was shining.
James: 'The sea <u> </u> calm, the sun <u> </u> .' |
| 2 Rachel: He said he hadn't seen another boat for a few days.
James: 'I <u> </u> another boat for a few days.' | 7 Rachel: He said that he could sometimes see sharks and dolphins swimming.
James: 'I <u> </u> sometimes see sharks and dolphins swimming.' |
| 3 Rachel: He said he thought he might win.
James: 'I <u> </u> win.' | 8 Rachel: He said he would spend two hours in a hot bath.
James: 'I <u> </u> two hours in a hot bath.' |
| 4 Rachel: He said there had been a terrible storm.
James: 'There <u> </u> a terrible storm.' | 9 Rachel: He said he had to get his hair cut.
James: 'I <u> </u> my hair cut.' |
| 5 Rachel: He said he hadn't slept for three days.
James: 'I <u> </u> for three days.' | |

Complete the questions that Rachel asked. Then listen again to check.

- 1 I asked him where he was. 'Where ?'
- 2 I asked him if he thought he was going to win. 'Do you to win?'
- 3 I asked him what the weather was like. 'What like?'
- 4 I asked him if he could see dolphins there. ' dolphins there?'