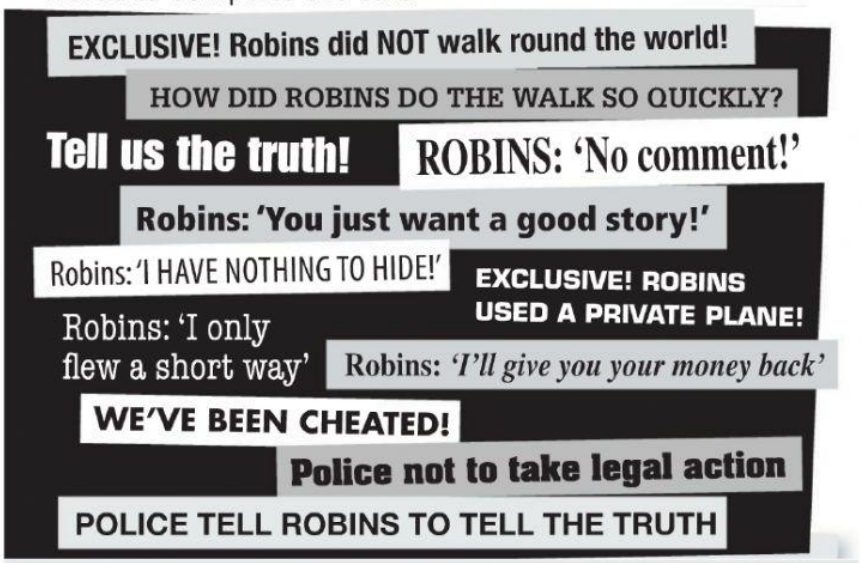
Empower B2 U9B

1 GRAMMAR

Reported speech; Reporting verbs

a Read the newspaper headlines and underline the correct words to complete the text.



Simon Robins was a hero when he walked around the world to raise money for charity, but journalists have now discovered [1]*that he didn't do / him not doing* it. Actually, Robins flew most of the way. Journalists wondered [2]*how had he / how he had* done the walk so quickly and asked [3]*him to explain / that he explained*. At first Robins refused [4]*to talk / talking* about it, complaining [5]*that the press wanted / the press wanting* just to get a good story, and completely denied [6]*to have / having* anything to hide. However, journalists found out [7]*he had used / him using* a private plane and finally Robins admitted [8]*to fly / flying* for part of the long journey. Robins insisted [9]*he had walked / to have walked* a lot of the way and promised [10]*to give / giving* money back to people who believed [11]*they had been / having been* cheated. The police have informed [12]*that / us that* they won't be taking legal action against Robins, but they have ordered [13]*that he give / him to give* a full and correct account of his 'walk' around the world.

c Complete the reported speech sentences. Use contractions where possible.

1 'I'm staying at home with my sister.'
Brian said he was staying at home with his sister.

2 'It took three hours to get there.'
Jenny told me that _____.

3 'It may be a problem.'
The nurse thought that _____.

4 'Who are you going with?'
My mum asked me _____.

5 'Why didn't you tell me?'
Simon wanted to know _____.

6 'I'm sorry I broke the vase.'
I apologised _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS