

## Empower B2 U9B

### 1 GRAMMAR

#### Reported speech; Reporting verbs

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

**EXCLUSIVE! Robins did NOT walk round the world!**

HOW DID ROBINS DO THE WALK SO QUICKLY?

**Tell us the truth!** **ROBINS: 'No comment!'**

**Robins: 'You just want a good story!'**

Robins: 'I HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE!'

**EXCLUSIVE! ROBINS  
USED A PRIVATE PLANE!**

Robins: 'I only

flew a short way'

Robins: 'I'll give you your money back'

**WE'VE BEEN CHEATED!**

**Police not to take legal action**

**POLICE TELL ROBINS TO TELL THE TRUTH**

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