

# REPORTED SPEECH

## A. Select the correct answer.

1. 'I have three daughters,' said Helen. > She said that \_\_\_\_ has three daughters.

☐ she

☐ her

☐ he

☐ my

2. 'We are going to the post office,' said John. > John said that \_\_\_\_ were going to the post office.

☐ they

☐ he

☐ you

☐ him

3. 'You look tired,' Alex said to me. > Alex said that \_\_\_\_ looked tired.

☐ they

☐ she

☐ I

☐ you

4. 'Edward is quite intelligent,' said Fiona. > Fiona said that \_\_\_\_ friend is quite intelligent.

☐ he

☐ her

☐ his

☐ she



5. 'You and I are late for the meeting,' Jodie said to me. > Jodie said that \_\_\_\_ were late for the meeting.

☐ us

☐ they

☐ you

☐ we

6. 'The dog has a broken leg,' said Marcel. Marcel said that \_\_\_\_ leg was broken.

☐ them

☐ our

☐ he

☐ its

### B. True or false?

1. Reported speech is also known as direct speech.

☐ True

☐ False

2. When you change direct speech into reported speech, you must always change the tense of the verb.

☐ True

☐ False

3. Backshifting describes 'moving back' tenses in reported speech.

☐ True

☐ False



C. Change the direct speech into reported speech. Use backshifting in all exercises.

1. Lawrence said, 'My legs are tired.'

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Graham said, 'I'm not going to work.'

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Oliver and Rachel said, 'We don't enjoy swimming.'

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Theo said, 'I want to eat something.'

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Lucy said, 'Sarah is looking at the painting.'

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Write the original words. Remember to use quotation marks to start and finish the quote. Assume that backshifting happened from the direct speech to reported speech.

For example: Derek said that he was angry. *Derek said, 'I am angry.'*

1. Leah said that she was working every day.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Toby and Katie said they were going on vacation.

\_\_\_\_\_

3. William said that it was raining.

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Tom said that he went to school five days a week.

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Jordan said that she planned to visit her mother.

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