

9 Reported Speech

3 Turn the sentences into *reported speech*. In which of the following sentences do the tenses remain the same? Why?

- 1 The instructions say, "The mobile phone's battery needs to be fully charged before use."
The instructions say (that) the mobile phone's battery needs to be fully charged before use. (The tense does not change because the introductory verb is in the present simple.).....
- 2 "Koalas live in Australia," the teacher said.

- 3 "If you had worn your jacket, you wouldn't have got cold," she said.

- 4 Mum says, "Dinner is ready."

- 5 "If you mix red and blue, you get purple," the Art teacher said.

- 6 "I'll meet you at the bus stop at three o'clock," he said.

4 The following people live in a city that was hit by an earthquake yesterday. Read what they said, then report their words as in the example:

1 I wasn't expecting it at all. It's the first time that an earthquake has happened here. We were lucky that nobody got hurt.

2 Everything started shaking and falling to the ground. I was so scared I grabbed my cat and hid under the kitchen table.

3 I was cutting the grass when it happened. Suddenly, several car alarms went off. Then I felt the ground shake under me. I was so terrified, I couldn't move.

4 I was still in bed when the earthquake hit. All I could do was cover my head with a pillow and wait for it to end. It was such a terrifying experience.

- 1 Ryan *said (that) he wasn't / hadn't been ... expecting it at all. It was the first time ... that an earthquake had happened there. They were / had been lucky that nobody ... (had) got hurt.*.....
- 2 Kim
- 3 Adam
- 4 Laura

