

# Reported speech

**1** Complete the reported speech. Use the past simple, *could/couldn't*, past continuous or past perfect.

- 1 'I'm going out,' she said.  
She said that she was going out.
- 2 'I don't speak French,' he said.  
He said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 'I saw a good film in London,' he said.  
He said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 'We can't come to the party,' they said.  
They said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 'It's very cold outside,' she said.  
She said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 'I didn't do my homework,' he said.  
He said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 'We live in a small village,' they said.  
They said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 'He can type really fast,' she said.  
She said that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 'It's snowing,' he said.  
He said that \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** Change the reported speech to direct speech.

- 1 He said that he hadn't slept well.
- 2 They said that they hadn't read the newspaper.
- 3 She said that drug dealers were criminals.
- 4 He said that he wasn't wearing a coat.
- 5 She said that she couldn't swim.
- 6 He said he had bought a DVD.
- 7 She said that she had wanted to go to bed.
- 8 He said he couldn't hear me.

I didn't sleep well.

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**3** Read the dialogue and report it as direct speech.

**Fred** I read a really good detective story recently.

**Liz** I can't stand detective stories. I'm reading a horror story.

**Fred** I like horror stories too. I read part of *Frankenstein* in the summer holidays. My parents gave it to me for my birthday.

**Liz** I didn't enjoy *Frankenstein*.

**Fred** I think it's brilliant.

**Liz** The ending isn't very good.

**Fred** I don't want to know the ending.

**Liz:** I'm not going to tell you!

Fred said that <sup>1</sup> he had read a good detective story recently.

Liz said that <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

She said that <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Fred said that <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

He said that <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

He said that <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Liz said that <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Fred said that <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Liz said that <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Fred said that <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Liz said that <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.