3 Reporting words and thoughts

1 Report the statements.

1 'I'll miss you very much,' he said to her.
He told her he would miss her very much.

2 'I'm going to Berlin soon.'
She said _____.

3 'This film will be interesting.'
I thought _____.

4 'I can't help you because I have too much to do.'
She said _____.

5 'Daniel has bought the tickets.'
I was told _____.

6 'It's a stupid idea, and it won't work.'
She thought _____.

7 'We had terrible weather on holiday.'
He complained _____.

8 'We've never been to Croatia,' they said to me.
They told _____.

9 'But we want to go some day,' they said.
They added that _____.

2 Report the questions.

1 'What are you doing?'
She asked me what I was doing.

2 'Do you want to go out for a walk?'
She asked me if I wanted to go for a walk.

3 'Why are you crying?' he asked her.
He wondered _____.

4 'Can I borrow your car?'
He asked me _____.

5 'Where have you come from?'
The customs officer asked me _____.

6 'How long are you going to be at the gym?'
She wanted to know _____.

7 'Will you be back early?'
She asked us _____.

8 'When do you have to go to work?'
She asked me _____.

9 'How much does it cost to fly to New York?'
She wanted to know _____.

4 Interview with a bank manager

1 Write the bank manager's questions.

A Come and sit down, Mr Smith. Now, you want to borrow some money. (1) *How much do you want to borrow?*

B Five thousand pounds.

A (2) _____?

B Because I want to buy a car.

A I see. Could you give me some personal details? (3) _____?

B I'm a graphic designer.

A And (4) _____?

B Thirty thousand pounds a year.

A (5) _____?

B Yes, I am. I've been married for six years.

A (6) _____?

B Yes, we've got two children.

A I see you live in a flat. (7) _____?

B We've lived there for three years.

A Well, that seems fine. I don't think there'll be any problems. (8) _____?

B I'd like it as soon as possible, actually.

A All right. Let's see what we can do.

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Vocabulary

7 Ways of speaking

Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

say	tell	explain	speak	talk	reply	ask

I was walking in town the other day when I met old Mr Brown, so we stopped and (1) **talked** for a while. He (2) _____ me that his wife, Jenny, had been taken into hospital. I (3) _____ him how Jenny was, and he (4) _____ that she was getting better. I (5) _____ Mr Brown to give Jenny my regards. He wondered why I hadn't been to the tennis club recently, so I (6) _____ that I'd been very busy and just hadn't had time.

'There's something you must (7) _____ me,' Mr Brown suddenly said. 'How many languages does your son (8) _____?'

'Four,' I (9) _____. 'Why (10) _____ you _____?'

'Well, I know your son has some very funny stories to (11) _____ about his trips abroad and his language learning. We're having a meeting of the Travellers' Club next week, and I'd like him to come along and (12) _____ to us.'

I (13) _____ that I would (14) _____ to my son about it, and I promised to get back in touch with him.

Then we (15) _____ goodbye and went our separate ways.

8 Other reporting verbs

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech using the verbs in the boxes. Use each verb once.

complain admit deny suggest explain	that

refuse offer agree promise	to do

1 'I think it would be a very good idea for you to go to bed,' the doctor said to Paul.
The doctor suggested that Paul went to bed.

2 'Yes, OK. I'll lend you £25,' Jo said to Matt.
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3 'Yes, it was me. I broke your camera,' said Harry.
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4 'I didn't pull her hair,' said Timmy.
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_____

5 'I didn't do the homework because I was ill,' said the student.
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6 'If you tidy your room, I'll buy you a pizza!' said Jessica's dad.
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7 'Excuse me! There's a fly in my salad,' said Patrick.
_____
_____

8 'I'm sorry. I can't marry you because I don't love you,' Sarah said to Adrian.
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9 'I'll cook supper if you like,' Amanda said to Duncan.
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