

7 Read these statements given by spokespersons of various companies in response to this news. Rewrite them in reported speech.

0 'If it helps to promote the arts, we're for it.' (Tesco)
A spokesperson for Tesco said that if it helped to promote the arts, they were for it.

- 1 'It won't really affect us, as we do not sponsor any art projects anyway.' (Harris Plumbing)
- 2 'We are not against it, but I wish they would do the same for sports sponsorship.' (Riverside Centre)
- 3 'It's right for the government to reduce taxes on companies, but we have to decide where we can spend our money.' (Max's Café)
- 4 'It's about time. This government has a bad record on promoting the arts.' (Jones Gallery)
- 5 'I think this is a really good idea. It will help to bring art closer to the people.' (The Bus Company)
- 6 'I hope this will give employees a chance to show their artistic talents.' (Ashton Community Centre)
- 7 'It's not clear if this also applies to musical performances, but I hope so.' (Opera Now)
- 8 'Is it really true?' (Telecom)

8 Rewrite this reported announcement by a railway company in direct speech. Begin like this: