

# She said that ... He told me that ...

A

Last week you went to a party. A lot of your friends were there. Here are some things they said to you:

Today you meet Paul. You tell him about the party. You tell Paul what your friends said:

CLARE



I'm enjoying my new job.

My father isn't well.

am  
is } → was

- ☐ Clare said that **she was** enjoying her new job.
- ☐ She said that **her father wasn't** well.

SARAH



We're going to buy a house.

BEN

are → were

- ☐ Sarah and Ben said that **they were** going to buy a house.

PETER



I have to leave early.

My sister has gone to Australia.

have  
has } → had

- ☐ Peter said that **he had** to leave early.
- ☐ He said that **his sister had** gone to Australia.

KATE



I can't find a job.

can → could

- ☐ Kate said that **she couldn't** find a job.

STEVE



I'll phone you.

will → would

- ☐ Steve said that **he would** phone me.

RACHEL



I don't like my job.

My son doesn't like school.

do  
does } → did

- ☐ Rachel said that **she didn't** like her job.
- ☐ She said that **her son didn't** like school.

MIKE



You look tired.

I feel fine.

YOU

look → looked  
feel → felt  
etc. etc.  
(present) (past)

- ☐ Mike said that **I looked** tired.
- ☐ I said that **I felt** fine.

B

## say and tell

say (→ said)

- ☐ He **said** that he was tired.  
(not He said me)
- ☐ What did she **say to** you?  
(not say you)

We say **he said to me, I said to Ann** etc.  
(not 'he said me', 'I said Ann').

tell (→ told)

- ☐ He **told me** that he was tired.  
(not He told that)
- ☐ What did she **tell you**?  
(not tell to you)

We say **he told me, I told Ann** etc.  
(not 'he told to me', 'I told to Ann').


C

You can say:


- ☐ He said **that** he was tired. or He said he was tired. (without that)
- ☐ Kate told me **that** she couldn't find a job. or Kate told me she couldn't find a job.


## Exercises


**50.1** Read what these people say and write sentences with **He/She/They said (that) ...**


1  I've lost my watch.


*He said he had lost his watch.*


2  I'm very busy.


6  I don't feel very well.


7  We'll be home late.


3  I can't go to the party.

8  I've just come back from holiday.

4  I have to go out.

9  I'm going to buy a guitar.

5  I'm learning Russian.

10  We haven't got a key.

**50.2** Use the pictures to complete the sentences.

1  I'm enjoying my new job. CLARE	2  I'm not hungry. EMMA	3  I need it. MIKE
4  I don't want to go. INVITATION HANNAH	5  You can have it. SUSAN	6  I'll send you a postcard. MARTIN
7  Where's Robert? He's gone home. NICOLA	8  I want to watch TV. DAVID	9  I'm going to the cinema. MARY

- I met Clare last week. She said *she was enjoying her new job*.
- Emma didn't want anything to eat. She said .....
- I wanted to borrow Mike's ladder, but he said .....
- Hannah was invited to the party, but she said .....
- Susan told me she didn't want the picture. She said .....
- Martin has just gone away on holiday. He said .....
- I was looking for Robert. Nicola said .....
- 'Why did David stay at home?' 'He said .....
- 'Has Mary gone out?' 'I think so. She said .....

**50.3** Write **say/said** or **tell/told**.

- He *said* he was tired.
- What did she *tell* you?
- Anna *said* she didn't like Peter.
- Jack *told* me that you were ill.
- Please don't *say* Dan what happened.
- Did Lucy *say* she would be late?
- The woman *said* she was a reporter.
- The woman *told* us she was a reporter.
- They asked me a lot of questions, but I didn't *say* them anything.
- They asked me a lot of questions, but I didn't *say* anything.