

# 7 Grammar practice – standard



## 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of say or tell.

- 1 My dad ..... my mum he didn't believe in corporal punishment.
- 2 I ..... I was sure Matt hadn't stolen the money.
- 3 Jake ..... that he had been in prison.
- 4 The headteacher ..... the pupils that there had been a number of thefts at school that week.

## 2 Read the sentences. Then circle the correct second sentence in each pair.

- 1 'Prison has never worked at preventing crime,' said Elliot.  
A Elliot said prison never worked at preventing crime.  
B Elliot said that prison had never worked at preventing crime.
- 2 'They'll punish you if they catch you!' said Jasmine.  
A Jasmine said they would punish me if they caught me.  
B Jasmine said they will punish you if they caught you.
- 3 'Tyler told me he was arrested for tax evasion,' said Archie.  
A Archie said that Tyler would tell him he would be arrested for tax evasion.  
B Archie said that Tyler had told him he had been arrested for tax evasion.
- 4 'Four people have been taken hostage at the bank,' the newsreader said.  
A The newsreader said four people were taken hostage at the bank.  
B The newsreader said four people had been taken hostage at the bank.
- 5 'We're going to ask you a few questions,' the police officer said.  
A The police officer said they were going to ask me a few questions.  
B The police officer said they had been going to ask me a few questions.

## 3 If a sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, put a cross (X) and underline the mistakes.

- 1 The officer asked me had I seen anyone acting suspiciously. ....
- 2 Mum asked me whether I knew who had stolen the money. ....
- 3 The prosecutor told the defendant to told the truth. ....
- 4 The officer asked the woman could she remember what had happened. ....
- 5 I asked Ruby if she had any idea who had taken my bag. ....

## 4 Circle the correct reporting verbs.

I couldn't believe it when I was (1) **accused / insisted** of stealing a woman's bag! I'd only gone into the shop to buy a packet of chewing gum. While I was waiting to pay, I saw a bag on the floor and picked it up. Just as I was about to ask whose it was, a woman in the queue started shouting and (2) **begging / threatening** to call the police! I tried to explain and of course I (3) **accused / denied** stealing it. I (4) **begged / insisted** her to listen to me, but she wouldn't! She (5) **apologised / insisted** on speaking to the manager. When the manager came over, he said that he had seen the whole thing and that the woman had dropped the bag and I had been trying to help. The woman (6) **apologised / denied** for accusing me of stealing it, so everything was OK in the end. Phew!

## 5 Circle the correct options to complete each second sentence.

- 1 The officer told me to sit down.  
The officer .....  
A ordered me to sit down  
B ordered that I sit down  
C ordered me sit down
- 2 They said they would always check the doors were securely locked.  
They ..... always check the doors were securely locked.  
A promised  
B promised to  
C promised that
- 3 Sarah said that May had stolen the biscuits.  
Sarah ..... the biscuits.  
A accused May to stealing  
B accused that May stole  
C accused May of stealing
- 4 Louise paid for the tickets and she wouldn't let us pay.  
Louise ..... for the tickets.  
A insisted on paying  
B insisted she paying  
C insisted to pay

## 6 If the second sentence means the same as the first sentence, put a tick (✓). If it doesn't, underline the mistake.

- 1 'Did you see the robber?' the officer asked Jack.  
The officer asked Jack if he had seen the robber. ....
- 2 'What did the thief say to you?' the woman asked the shop assistant.  
The woman asked the shop assistant what the thief says to him. ....
- 3 'Have you ever witnessed a crime?' Layla asked Oscar.  
Layla asked Oscar if he would ever witnessed a crime. ....
- 4 'I'm going to rob the bank tonight!' said the man.  
The man said he was going to rob the bank that night. ....
- 5 'The theft happened right here at one o'clock last night!' said the woman.  
The woman said the theft had happened right here at one o'clock the night before. ....