

7 Grammar practice – plus



1 Write two sentences to report what each person said using the word in brackets.

- 1 'I don't believe in corporal punishment', said my dad.
(say).....
(tell / my mum).....
- 2 'I'm sure Matt didn't steal the money!' I said.
(say).....
(tell / my teacher).....
- 3 'I've been in prison', Jake said.
(say).....
(tell / us).....
- 4 'There have been a number of thefts at school this week', said the headteacher.
(say).....
(tell / the pupils).....

2 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

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

3 Find and underline one mistake in each sentence. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

- 1 The officer asked me had I seen anyone acting suspiciously.
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- 2 Mum asked me that I knew who did steal the money.
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- 3 The prosecutor told the defendant to told the truth.
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- 4 The officer asked the woman could she remember what has happened.
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- 5 I asked Ruby if does she have any idea who had taken my bag.
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4 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

accuse apologise beg deny insist threaten

I couldn't believe it when I was (1) 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) to call the police! I tried to explain and of course I (3) stealing it. I (4) her to listen to me, but she wouldn't! She (5) 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) for accusing me of stealing it, so everything was OK in the end. Phew!

5 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first using between two and five words and the word in brackets.

- 1 The officer told me to sit down. (order)
The officer
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- 2 They said they would always check the doors were securely locked. (promise)
They always check the doors were securely locked.
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- 3 Sarah said that May had stolen the biscuits. (accuse)
Sarah the biscuits.
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- 4 Louise paid for the tickets and she wouldn't let us pay. (insisted)
Louise for the tickets.
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6 Rewrite the sentences as reported speech.

- 1 'Did you see the robber?' the officer asked Jack.
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- 2 'What did the thief say to you?' the woman asked the shop assistant.
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- 3 'Have you ever witnessed a crime?' Layla asked Oscar.
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- 4 'I'm going to rob the bank tonight!' said the man.
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- 5 'The theft happened right here at one o'clock last night!' said the woman.
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7 Find and underline one mistake in each sentence. Write the correct words.

- 1 I suggest you to call the police straight away.
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- 2 We advise you leaving valuables at home.
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- 3 The doctor recommended me stay at home.
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- 4 What would you recommend we doing to prevent crime?
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- 5 I suggested to stop for lunch.
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