7.2 Reported Speech – statements; reporting verbs

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

'I have never been to the British Museum,' Sally said.
Sally said she [0]*had* never been to the British Museum.

A 'Hollie, we don't have enough money to buy any paintings,' George said.

George [1]_____ Hollie that [2]_____didn't have enough money to buy any paintings.

B 'I'm very busy now but I can meet you in the café tomorrow,' Paul told Doris.

Paul told Doris that he was very busy [3]_____ but he could meet [4]_____ in the café [5]_____.

2 Complete the sentences with the Past Simple form of the verbs in the box.

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0 'We have just released a new album,' the singer *pointed out*.

1 'He cannot even sing,' my dad said. 'And he's definitely the worst judge in this programme,' he _____.

2 'I couldn't buy the tickets because the shop was closed,' I _____.

3 'You should read the novel before watching the film,' the teacher _____.

4 'I love this show,' Tom said. 'Do you? I hate it,' Annie _____.

3 Write the second sentence so that it means the same as the first.

0 'I want to buy a large poster,' I said.
I said I wanted to buy a large poster.

1 'This painting has been here for generations,' the old woman claimed.

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2 'My father is going to turn the basement into a home cinema room next year,' the boy claimed.

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3 'I'm painting now, so I'll call you later,' I told Jane.

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4 Olesia: "I saw the Eiffel Tower".

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5 Elina: I'm on holiday this week – I can relax as much as I want to!"

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