6.4 Grammar

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Commands

'Do more exercise.' → She told him to do more exercise.
'Don't worry!' → She told me not to worry.

Requests

'Can you give me something, please?' → I asked the doctor to give me something.
'Please don't shout!' → She asked him not to shout.

1 ● Complete the reported commands and requests with the words below.

asked me not to ~~told~~ us

1 'Put it down.'
She *told* me to put it down.
2 'Lie down, please.'
The doctor _____ me to lie down.
3 'Everybody, listen carefully, please.'
The teacher asked _____ to listen carefully.
4 'Don't work too hard.'
He told us _____ to work too hard.
5 'Lift your arm, please.'
The nurse asked _____ to lift my arm.
6 'Fill in the form.'
The receptionist told me _____ fill in the form.

2 ● Choose the correct option.

1 Dad: Hey! I asked you *not to be* / *to not be* so loud up here, please.
Molly: Sorry, Dad. It's just that Jane *asked me* / *asked* to help her with her Music project.
Dad: OK, but turn the volume down, will you? Mum's got a headache and she asked us *not to* / *to not* make any noise.

2 Meg: Jamie, can you help me with my Maths homework? I *told* / *asked* Dad to help, but he's busy.
Jamie: Sure. What do you have to do?
Meg: Well, the teacher told us *to do* / *do* the exercises on this page, but I just don't understand them.

3 ●● Use the prompts to write reported commands and requests.

1 the teacher / ask / we / listen / carefully
The teacher asked us to listen carefully.
2 Freya / tell / we / not leave / rubbish / in her car
_____
3 I / ask / they / sit / over there
_____
4 the doctor / tell / me / not play / sport / for two weeks
_____
5 Sarah / ask / Kate / meet / she / after school
_____

4 ●●● Complete the text with reported commands and requests. Use the prompts in brackets.



What I did in an emergency

Last week, I was with my friend Joel when he said he was in pain and he [1] *asked me to call* (ask / I / call) an ambulance. I called 999 and the woman on the phone [2] _____ (ask / I / describe) the problem. She also [3] _____ (ask / I / tell) her if Joel was taking any medicine. I said he wasn't. Then she [4] _____ (tell / I / make) sure he was comfortable, so I [5] _____ (tell / he / sit down) and not move. The woman on the phone said the ambulance would be there in a few minutes and [6] _____ (tell / I / not panic), which was difficult! When the ambulance arrived, they took Joel to hospital and I [7] _____ (ask / they / let) me come too. When we got there, they told me he had an ear infection and [8] _____ (ask / I / phone) his parents. In the end, they gave him some pills and a prescription, and he was fine a couple of days later.

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Extra Practice Activities: Lesson 6.4