

Reported speech

Task 1. Read the pairs of sentences. Then correct the mistakes in the reported speech.

1. 'Recycling waste is very important to me.'

She told to me that recycling waste was very important to her.

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2. 'I'm going to meet a group of activists.'

He told me that he met a group of activists.

_____.

3. 'Maja called me.'

He said that Maja has called him.

_____.

4. 'We'll meet you.'

They told us that they will meet us.

_____.

5. 'We haven't received your application.'

They told her that we hadn't received your application.

_____.

6. 'I'll see you at the party, Matt.'

She told Matt that she will see him at the party.

_____.

7. 'I've already sent you an email explaining the situation.'

He said that he already sent an email explaining the situation.

_____.

8. 'I can collect the documents.'

She told to her manager that she could collect the documents.

_____.

Task 2. Complete the reported statements.

1. Sarah: 'Can you tell us your job interview story?'

→ Sarah asked Vernon _____ job interview story.

2 Vernon: 'I run a small company and I was looking for a new accountant.'

→ Vernon said _____ and _____
for a new accountant.

3. Shirley: 'Interviewees should always switch their phones off during the interview.'

→ Shirley said _____ during the interview.

4. Robert: 'I recently interviewed a young woman. I don't think she was very well prepared.'

→ Robert said _____ a young woman. He also said _____
_____ very well prepared.

5. Jennifer: 'I interviewed somebody this morning and offered him the job.'

→ Jennifer said _____ him the job.

6. Sarah: 'We have time for one more caller. So, Jennifer, tell us your story.'

→ Sarah said _____ and asked Jennifer _____
_____ story.

VI. Write these sentences with reported speech.

1. "Will the government pass the law on banning deforestation?" they asked.

2. "Do you want to experience camping overnight inside a cave?" she asked me.

3. "Are you excited about your trip to Iguazu Falls next week?" he wanted to know.

4. "Is the weather good in Shanghai in the summer?" Jane asked me.

5. "Is Anna going to observe the northern lights in Norway this winter?" he asked me.

6. "Can we go snorkelling in the Great Barrier Reef tomorrow?" they asked their mom.

7. "Are the students giving a presentation on the seven natural wonders now?" I wondered.

8. "Will you come back here next year to see the humpback whales?" the tour guide asked us.

9. "May I use your pictures of the Victoria Falls for my project?" Harry asked me.

10. "Is Paricutin Volcano located in Michoacan, Mexico?" Anna wanted to know.

VII. Change the following sentences into reported speech.

1. "Where are you going for your summer holiday?"
Jimmy asked _____
2. "The hiking trip today allows you to observe some signature birds of the park."
The tour guide told the hikers that _____
3. "When can I register for the scuba diving tour?"
Brian asked the tour operator _____
4. "Is it possible that the Grand Canyon may have formed 5 to 6 million years ago?"
Joana wondered _____
5. "I hope I can climb Mount Kilimanjaro with other explorers next year."
Annie said that _____
6. "Do you know that Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world?"
My sister asked me _____
7. "What activities can we do at Giang Dien Waterfall next week?"
The students wanted to know _____
8. "These tourists might not follow the trails and get lost yesterday."
The police explained that _____
9. "Does the Pink Beach on Komodo Island offer snorkelling and diving spots?"
She wondered _____
10. "Who is responsible for the damage of the ancient tree in front of the village?"
One tourist asked _____
11. "Will ecotourism help preserve the fauna and flora in the Amazon Rainforest?"
The locals wanted to know _____
12. "If you take steps to reduce pollution, you will help preserve the Great Barrier Reef."
A friend told me that _____
13. "How do visitors usually travel to Phu Quy Island?"
Wendy asked me _____
14. "Is it your first time kayaking and enjoying the beauty of Ha Long Bay?"
The tour guide asked her _____
15. "This speaker is presenting the negative effects of global warming right now."
Andy said that _____