Circle the correct words to complete the sentences.

1 No one *informed / contacted* me that the date of the party had changed.

2 Raquel was angry until Eduardo *gossiped / explained* that the reason he missed the party was that he was sick.

3 Julio didn't know about the hurricane until he saw it *reported / informed* on TV.

4 While we were catching up, Ben also *mentioned / recalled* that he got a new dog.

GRAMMAR: Reported speech

Read the conversation. Then circle the correct words. Sometimes both words are correct.

Emma	I like your hat.	1 Emma *said / told* Amin that she *likes / liked* his hat.
Amin	I have had it for a long time.	2 Amin *said / told* that he *has / had had* it for a long time.
Emma	Well, it's very nice.	3 Emma *said / told* that it *is / was* very nice.
Amin	I've been ill.	4 Amin *said / told* Emma that he is / *had been* ill.
Emma	I'm sorry to hear that.	5 Emma *said / told* that she *was / has been* sorry to hear that.
Amin	I still don't feel well.	6 Amin *said / told* that he still *doesn't feel/ didn't feel* well.

Use the words in the box to describe the quotes.
Sometimes there is more than one correct answer.

catch up with	congratulate	criticize for
explain	gossip	keep in touch with
persuade to	reply	respond to

1 We were so excited to hear about the new baby. We're so happy for you!

congratulate

2 Well, I got a new job, and the baby is now walking! What's new with you?

3 Well, the reason that I was late was that my car broke down.

4 I just got your message. Yes, I will buy milk and bread.

5 Here are all the reasons we should get a dog.

6 Mike didn't do a great job on this report. He made several mistakes.

7 Hey. It's been a while since we talked, so I figured I'd call and say "hi."

8 Did you hear the news? Diana and Bernardo have broken up.

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.

1 "I haven't gotten any messages in a week."
She said that she hadn't gotten any messages in a week.

2 "Sorry I'm late. I didn't know where to go."
He told us _____.

3 "I haven't really kept in touch with Mike."
She said that _____.

4 "I'm trying to persuade my husband to get a dog."
She told us that _____.

5 "My boss criticized me for being late a couple times last week."
He explained that _____.

6 "I don't recall having sent that email."
He claimed that _____.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete the definitions with the words in the box.

clickbait	geo-tag	hashtag	~~lurker~~	meme	newsfeed
podcaster	profile	status update	tag	timeline	trending topic

1 A ___lurker___ reads other people's comments and posts, but doesn't make their own comments or posts.
2 _____ is an article that is designed to get attention but that may not be true.
3 A _____ shows information about important things happening around the world.
4 You can find someone's photos and posts on their _____ .
5 A _____ is a piece of information (usually funny) that spreads very quickly on the Internet.
6 A _____ is something that a lot of people are currently posting about.
7 When you _____ a photo online, people know where the picture was taken.
8 When you post a _____ , you put new information online about yourself.
9 Your _____ has a description of you and your interests on a website.
10 When you _____ something online, you add information to it.
11 A _____ helps to connect an online post with other posts on the same topic.
12 If you are a _____ you host an online talk show.

Put the words in the reported questions in the correct order.

1 social media / asked / use / I / she / how often
She asked how often I use social media.
2 social media / asked / my parents / he / what / visited / sites / they
_____
3 were / she / my favorite / what / blogs / asked
_____
4 me / they / an iPad / used / if / asked / I / in high school / had
_____
5 him / he / I / had / asked / met / if / anyone online
_____
_____ .
6 if / comment / asked / to / on / me / liked / videos / they / I
_____
_____ .

Write an informal email that does the following: tells the person you are going to miss a meeting, apologizes, and suggests a new time for the meeting.

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete the conversations. Use the phrases in the box.

Apparently	~~I heard that~~	What happened was that
Who told you that	Wow, that's terrible	

Gloria So how was Tom's 30th birthday party? [1] I heard that Tom's brother, Steve, didn't go. [2] _____, he had the flu. He was too sick to get out of bed.

Hope [3] _____? That's all wrong. [4] _____ we had to change where the party was going to be. And anyway, nobody thought to call Steve and tell him. That's why he missed the party.

Gloria [5] _____!

in the end	it turns out that	someone told me that	was like	what happened was that

Ray Did you hear what happened to Ahsan last week?

Ivan [6] _____ he got fired for yelling at his boss.

Ray No, no, no. You see [7] _____ his boss told him he had to work over the weekend. And Ahsan [8] _____, "I can't. It's my daughter's birthday." Well, his boss told him that he had to work anyway, and Ahsan got mad and quit.

Ivan Really? Wow. That's too bad for Ahsan.

Ray Maybe not. You see, [9] _____ he was already thinking about looking for a new job. So, [10] _____ it might be for the best.

apparently	it turns out that	the funny thing is
you'll never believe this	what happened was	

Natasha Hey Vince. Did you hear about Sara?

Vince No. What?

Natasha [11] _____, but she got married last weekend!

Vince Get out of here! I didn't even know she was dating anyone.

Natasha [12] _____ she wasn't. [13] _____ she went to her high school reunion last month, and her old boyfriend was there. [14] _____ she still had feelings for him after all these years, and [15] _____ he felt the same way about her. So anyway, now they're married.

Vince Well good for them. I hope it works out.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

I lost my train of thought	so, as I was saying	what was I saying	where was I? Oh yeah,

Irina Last night I couldn't get my daughter to put her tablet down.

Megan How is Olive? I heard that she won the swimming competition last week.

Irina Yeah. It was great. We were proud of her. Sorry, [1] _____ ? So she wouldn't put the tablet away, and I was getting really annoyed. I wanted her to help clean up, and she'd been chatting with her friend Julia for hours.

Megan I know exactly how you feel. Josh never helps clean up either.

Irina It's super frustrating, right? [2] _____ , she'd been chatting with her friend for hours and still wouldn't put the tablet away. So eventually, I took it and told her she couldn't have it back for a week.

Megan Ha! I'll bet that caused a fight.

Irina You better believe it. So she was yelling and screaming, and uh …

Megan Right, so she was yelling and screaming …

Irina Right. Sorry, [3] _____ . So anyway my husband comes in, like right in the middle of this, and gives her the tablet back! I couldn't believe it. I was so angry.

Megan I got angry with Mario last night. He was late for dinner, and I missed my meeting.

Irina That's too bad. So, [4] _____ David and I got into a big argument and now we're not talking to each other.

READ FOR MAIN IDEA **Read the post. Underline the sentences that express the writer's main idea.**

Emojis | Blog Add comment Share

Are you someone like me who resists using emojis? Can you not understand why people prefer silly images over meaningful words? Well, I have news for you: You and I are the problem, not emojis. The world has moved on, and you and I must, too. Here's why:

Emojis are global. When people speak different languages, they find it hard to communicate. But emojis mean the same thing to everyone. It doesn't matter if they speak Chinese, English, or Spanish.

Emojis are a big part of social media. Emojis are all over social media. In some platforms, they are over 40% of text. In a few years, they will likely be over 50%. Future communication is certain to have more emojis and fewer words. People find emojis a simpler and faster way to communicate.

Emojis are part of our everyday lives. Now you can order pizza with emojis in a Tweet. What will be next – plane tickets? Why not?

Language changes slowly, but it is always happening. Emojis are part of today's change. They are here to stay, until the next change.

READ FOR OPINIONS **Read the post again. Circle the correct words to complete the statements.**

1 The writer believes that people who resist using emojis *have good reasons / are part of the problem.*

2 The writer says that emojis are *helpful / unhelpful* when people speak different languages.

3 The writer believes that emojis *may be / will definitely be* more common in the future.

LIVEWORKSHEETS