Test W: Reported speech

A

Some of these sentences are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. If the sentence is correct, put a tick (✓). If it is incorrect, cross the unnecessary word out of the sentence and write it in the space.

▶ You promised you wouldn't be late. ✓
▶ Susan thought '~~That~~ I can't understand what's happening.' that
1 Do you know me what time the coach leaves? .....
2 Robert wanted to know if did the price included breakfast. .....
3 Anna insisted on showing us her photos. .....
4 Someone asked us whether that we had eaten lunch. .....
5 Nancy told me she had started the job the week before. .....
6 Nigel said me he wanted to come with us. .....
7 My friend said she did liked her new flat. .....
8 Martin asked us for not to wake the baby. .....

B

Decide which word is correct.

▶ What did that man say to you?
a) at you b) for you c) to you d) you
1 I rang my friend in Australia yesterday, and she said it ..... raining there.
a) is b) should be c) to be d) was
2 The last time I saw Jonathan, he looked very relaxed. He explained that he'd been on holiday the ..... week.
a) earlier b) following c) next d) previous
3 I wonder ..... the tickets are on sale yet.
a) what b) when c) where d) whether
4 I told you ..... switch off the computer, didn't I?
a) don't b) not c) not to d) to not
5 Someone ..... me there's been an accident on the motorway.
a) asked b) said c) spoke d) told
6 When I rang Tessa some time last week, she said she was busy ..... day.
a) that b) the c) then d) this
7 When he was at Oliver's flat yesterday, Martin asked if he ..... use the phone.
a) can b) could c) may d) must
8 Judy ..... going for a walk, but no one else wanted to.
a) admitted b) offered c) promised d) suggested

C

Read the news report and write the missing words. Use one word only in each space. Sometimes there is more than one possible answer.

Police have warned people (▶) to watch out for two men who have tricked their way into an old woman's home and stolen money. The men called on Mrs Iris Raine and said (1) ..... were from the water company and wanted to check (2) ..... her water was OK. They asked if (3) ..... would mind letting them into her house. The woman didn't ask (4) ..... see their identity cards. She said she (5) ..... know about any problem with the water. The men explained that they (6) ..... just discovered the problem but

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that it was very simple and (7) ..... take long to check. The woman asked (8) ..... the service was free, and they said yes. They (9) ..... to know where the water tank was. While one man ran water in the kitchen, the other went upstairs and took several hundred pounds from a drawer in a bedroom. The men then left saying that they would return the (10) ..... day to have another look.

D

Complete each sentence by reporting what was said to you yesterday.
Use *said* and change the tense in the reported speech.

► Polly: I'm really tired.
When I saw Polly yesterday, she said she was really tired.

1 Tessa: I feel quite excited.
When I saw Tessa yesterday, ...

2 Nigel: I can't remember the code word.
When I saw Nigel yesterday, ...

3 Robert: I won't be at the next meeting.
When I saw Robert yesterday, ...

4 The twins: We've got a problem.
When I saw the twins yesterday, ...

5 Michelle: I've been swimming.
When I saw Michelle yesterday, ...

6 Your friends: We would like to be in the show.
When I saw my friends yesterday, ...

7 Adrian: I don't need any help.
When I saw Adrian yesterday, ...

8 Susan: My sister is coming to see me.
When I saw Susan yesterday, ...

E

Report the sentences. They were all spoken last week. Use the verbs in brackets.

► Anna to Janet: Don't forget to sign the form. (remind)
Anna reminded Janet to sign the form.

► Robert: What time will the office close this evening? (ask)
Robert asked what time the office would close that evening.

1 A policeman to Christopher: Stop shouting. (tell)
.....

2 Tessa: It was me. I ate all the cake yesterday. (admit)
.....

3 Adrian: I'm sorry I was rude. (apologize)
.....

4 Simon to Susan: Would you like to join me for lunch? (invite)
.....

5 Martin to Nancy: Did someone ring you an hour ago? (ask)
.....

6 Peter: I really must leave. (insist)
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