

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 'I met your sister yesterday. I hadn't seen her here since Christmas,' Helen told Mark.
Helen told Mark that she had met ¹ _____ sister ² _____ and added that she hadn't seen her ³ _____ since Christmas.

B 'Lisa, these two photos are really nice,' Andy said.
Andy ⁴ _____ Lisa that ⁵ _____ two photos were really nice.

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

~~point out~~ add reply suggest explain

- 0 'We have just released a new album,' the singer *pointed out*.
- 1 'You should read the novel before watching the film,' the teacher _____.

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- 2 'I couldn't buy the tickets because the shop was closed,' I _____.
- 3 'He cannot even sing,' my dad said. 'And he's definitely the worst judge in this programme,' he _____.
- 4 'I love this show,' Tom said. 'Do you? I hate it,' Annie _____.

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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.

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

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

2 Report the imperatives.

- 0 'Please, meet me at the museum at five,'
Nina told me.
Nina asked me to meet her at the museum
at five.
- 1 'Don't worry about your test,' Silvia told
me.
Silvia told me _____
_____ test.
- 2 'Please don't use my credit card to pay
online,' my mum told me.
My mum told me _____
_____ credit card to pay online.
- 3 'Help me choose the best tie, please,'
Robert said.
Robert asked me _____
_____ the best tie.
- 4 'Please look at the camera all the time,' the
photographer told me.
The photographer told me _____
_____ at the camera all the
time.

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

- 0 'Press the red button on the camera,' she
told me.
She told me to press the red button on the
camera.
- 1 'Don't let the children watch TV after eight
o'clock,' Violet told the babysitter.

- 2 'Where are you and your friends going to
meet?' I asked my sister.

- 3 'Has John ever tried to paint a picture on
his own?' Lydia asked me.

