

"Voices Behind the Camera"

Yesterday, an interview was filmed with Sofia Campos, a young film director. She said she was excited about her new science fiction movie. She explained that the story was inspired by a dream. She also mentioned that the actors had worked very hard and that filming finished last week. The producer told reporters that the editing process would take two more months. A famous critic said the trailer looked amazing and that the movie could become a hit. Everyone on the team said they believed in the project.

? Comprehension Questions (10 minutes)

A. Answer the Questions

1. Who was interviewed?

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2. What did she say about her movie?

_____.

3. What inspired the story?

_____.

4. What did the producer say about editing?

_____.

5. What did the critic think of the trailer?

_____.

B. True or False

1. Sofia Campos is an actress. **True / False**
2. She said the story was based on a dream. **True / False**
3. The producer said the movie was already edited. **True / False**
4. The critic said the trailer looked great. **True / False**
5. The actors didn't work very hard. **True / False**

Vocabulary Activity – Match the Meaning

Words/Phrases:

Meanings:

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| 1. Inspired by | a) A very successful movie |
| 2. Director | b) Trusted or had confidence in |
| 3. Critic | c) Person in charge of filming |
| 4. Editing | d) Person who reviews movies |
| 5. Hit | e) Motivated or influenced by |
| 6. Believed in | f) The process of cutting and arranging video |

Grammar Focus – Reported Speech

◆ Reported Statements – Tense Shift Rules

Direct Speech

Reported Speech

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| "I am happy." | She said she was happy. |
| "We finished the film." | He said they had finished the film. |
| "They will edit the video." | She said they would edit the video. |
| "I love sci-fi movies." | He said he loved sci-fi movies. |

Reporting verbs: said, told, explained, mentioned, added

Grammar Practice

A. Complete the reported speech:

- "I'm working on a short film." → She said she _____ on a short film.
- "We shot it in one day." → He said they _____ it in one day.
- "I will send the trailer tomorrow." → She said she _____ send the trailer tomorrow.
- "I like horror movies." → He said he _____ horror movies.

5. "The actors are very professional." → She said the actors _____ very professional.
 6. "We finished editing yesterday." → He said they _____ editing yesterday.
 7. "This is my favorite project." → She said it _____ her favorite project.
 8. "We need more time." → They said they _____ more time.
 9. "The movie will be ready next week." → He said the movie _____ be ready next week.
 10. "The music is original." → She said the music _____ original.
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B. Rewrite the Direct Speech (10 sentences)

1. "The director is very talented."
→ She said _____.
2. "I watched the final cut."
→ He said _____.
3. "We will meet the actors later."
→ She said _____.
4. "They love the new location."
→ He said _____.
5. "I am writing the next scene."
→ She said _____.
6. "The light wasn't good."
→ He said _____.

7. "We will do a new take."

→ They said _____.

8. "The sound is perfect."

→ He said _____.

9. "We had some problems with the set."

→ She said _____.

10. "I want to make a documentary."

→ She said _____.