LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Reported statements

1 ★ **How do the tenses and verbs change in reported speech? Complete the table.**

Direct speech	Reported speech
present simple	[1] *past simple*
past simple	[2]
present perfect	[3]
present continuous	[4]
will	[5]
can	[6]

2 ★ **Complete the sentences with *said* or *told*.**

1 My sister *said* she went to a really interesting music festival last year.
2 George _____ me that he had some new tracks for me to listen to.
3 I _____ everyone that I had a spare ticket for the concert.
4 Sally _____ that she couldn't go to the campsite because she didn't have a tent.
5 Laura _____ us to meet her in front of the stage.
6 I _____ I didn't know who the support act was.

3 ★★ **Rewrite the reported speech as direct speech.**

1 Ashraf said that he was in a café.
'I'm in a café.'
2 He told me that he was having lunch.
' _____ '
3 He said he wanted to meet me.
' _____ '
4 He said that he had been in the café for an hour.
' _____ '
5 He told me he would leave in about 30 minutes.
' _____ '
6 He told me to come quickly.
' _____ '

4 ★★ **Read the conversation. Then complete the reported speech below.**

ME Hi, Ashraf!
ASHRAF Hi! I'm really happy to see you! I have some exciting news. I'm thinking of going to a festival in the summer. I want you to come with me.
ME Hmm, I'm not sure. Where is it? How much is it?
ASHRAF It's not far away. It's in the countryside. The tickets are about £30. I've been there before. I had a great time.
ME OK, but where would we stay?
ASHRAF Well, there's a campsite. We can stay in a tent. It won't be expensive.
ME OK, I'll think about it.
ASHRAF Great!



I went to the café to meet Ashraf. He said that he [1] *was* happy to see me and that he [2] _____ some exciting news. He told me that he [3] _____ of going to a festival in the summer, and then he told me that he [4] _____ me to go with him. I said that I [5] _____ sure, and I asked where the festival was and how much it was. Ashraf said that it [6] _____ far away, in the countryside, and the tickets [7] _____ about £30.
He said that he [8] _____ there before and that he [9] _____ a great time. He also said that we [10] _____ in a tent, so it [11] _____ very expensive. I said that I [12] _____ about it.

5 ★★★ **Think of a conversation you had with someone recently. What did you talk about? Write at least five sentences using reported speech.**

I was talking to Mum yesterday. She told me …

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