9C GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

Reported speech

1 ★ **Choose the correct forms to complete the sentences.**

1. 'We'll be late!'
   Tom told us that they *will / would* be late.
2. 'I've finished my book.'
   She told me that she *had / has* finished her book.
3. 'We're having a lot of fun!'
   They said that they *are / were* having a lot of fun.
4. 'Ssh. The play is starting!'
   He said that the play *is / was* starting.
5. 'You can't leave in the middle of the play.'
   My mum told me I *couldn't / can't* leave in the middle of the play.
6. 'We always watch the news together in the evening.'
   Jed said that they always *watched / watch* the news together in the evening.

2 ★★ **Read a speaker's words and complete the text with one word or contraction in each gap.**

'Sorry. I don't want to go to the concert. I've got lots of exams soon and the tickets are very expensive. I don't even like the band. I haven't listened to any of their music since their first CD. Anyway, I'm trying to save up for the summer holidays.'

Matt said that he [1] *didn't* want to go to the concert. He told us that he [2] _____ lots of exams soon and that the tickets [3] _____ very expensive. He then said that he [4] _____ even like the band and that he [5] _____ listened to any of their music since their first CD. Finally, he told us that he [6] _____ trying to save up for the summer holidays.

3 ★★ **Complete the reported sentences with the words from the box. There are three extra words.**

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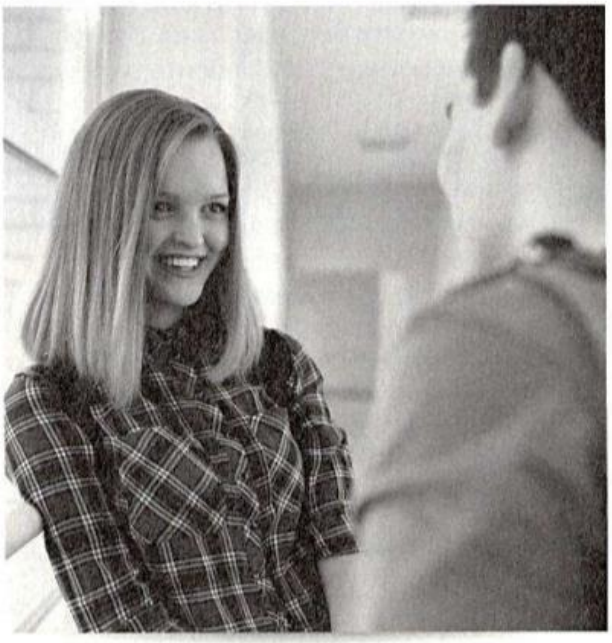
1. 'We ate fish yesterday.'
   The girls said that *they* _____ eaten fish the day _____.
2. 'I'm watching the news.'
   Beth told me that _____ _____ watching the news.
3. 'I've had some problems with my back.'
   Paul told us that _____ _____ had some problems with _____ back.
4. 'I can't afford to eat out tomorrow.'
   Kyle said that he _____ afford to eat out the day _____.
5. 'Wow! We haven't heard a better concert in our town.'
   The students said that they _____ heard a better concert in _____ town.

4 ★★★ **Rewrite the sentences in reported speech.**

1. 'I'm not keen on modern art.'
   Cath said that *she wasn't keen on modern art*.
2. 'I didn't go out at all yesterday.'
   Eric told us that _____.
3. 'I haven't seen the film yet.'
   Samantha said that _____.
4. 'We'll be back tomorrow.'
   Carly said that _____.
5. 'We're having a meeting.'
   Jackson told us that _____.

5 ★★★ **Read the conversation and rewrite it in reported speech.**



Adrian Hi, Emily. Real Madrid are playing Barcelona. I'll help you with your homework when it finishes.

Emily That's OK. I love Spanish football. I saw Girona play last year.

Adrian Really? Wow. I often go to watch our local team play, but I've never seen a big match.

Emily My dad's a Chelsea fan. I can get you tickets if you want.

Adrian Wow! Yes, please.

Emily went to Adrian's house because she needed help with her homework. When she arrived, Adrian said 'Hi' and told her that [1] *Real Madrid were playing Barcelona* and that [2] _____ when the match finished. Emily didn't mind. She told him that [3] _____ and that [4] _____ before.

Adrian was surprised. He said that [5] _____, but that [6] _____. Emily told him that [7] _____ and that [8] _____ if he wanted. Adrian was very happy.

6 ON A HIGH NOTE **Think of five things people have told you and write them in reported speech.**

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