Reported speech – statements and questions

1 Rewrite the sentences in reported speech using the words given.

1 'I prefer fantasy to science fiction,' he said.
He said he .....

2 'You have to look up the new words in the dictionary,' the teacher said.
The teacher said we .....

3 'I won't tell you how the story ends,' he said.
He said he .....

4 'She's writing a trilogy on Rome,' they said.
They said she .....

5 'I have never written children's fiction,' she said.
She said she .....

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

1 She ..... she didn't expect her novels to be successful.

2 Mrs Williams ..... her students to get a world atlas by the end of next week.

3 He ..... that the charity campaign had raised two million pounds.

4 Who ..... you that you would never write a novel?

5 When I ..... that I had never read Shakespeare, all my classmates started to laugh.

3 Circle the correct alternative.

1 They asked if we *have filled in/had filled in* all the forms.
2 The interviewer wanted to know where *the author was born/was the author born*.
3 Tony asked me *why/if* I hadn't enjoyed the latest Harry Potter novel.
4 He said he had read the book two months *before/ago*.
5 Mum asked why *didn't I like/I didn't like* reading.
6 I asked the librarian *why/if* I could flick through the new books.
7 He said he had bought the book in the morning and finished it *that night/tonight*.

4 Cross out the extra word in each sentence.

1 The bookseller told to me that the book I was looking for was no longer for sale.
2 The tourists wanted to know how much did the city map cost.
3 Lots of fans asked to the famous author to sign their copies.
4 Our teacher once said us that he used to write poetry.
5 They wanted to know if whether we ever read e-books.

5 Choose the best answer (A, B or C) to complete the text.

Like a lot of places in Europe, more and more public libraries in the UK are closing. In a recent interview, the Scottish author Ali Smith said that this (**1**) ..... a problem because libraries are an important tradition for the UK. She also said that this (**2**) ..... an impact on the next generation of writers.

In 2015, Smith published a collection of short stories called *Public Libraries and Other Stories*. She said that, a few years (**3**) ....., she (**4**) ..... everybody she knew to (**5**) ..... her about their experience of public libraries. When she asked them what (**6**) ..... to them, most people said that libraries (**7**) ..... them into better people.

Smith (**8**) ..... the interviewer that while she had been writing the stories, a thousand public libraries (**9**) .....
She also asked other writers (**10**) ..... they thought about the closing libraries, and they also said it was serious problem.

1	**A** is	**B** had been	**C** was
2	**A** would have	**B** will has	**C** had
3	**A** ago	**B** before	**C** previous
4	**A** had asked	**B** has asked	**C** asked
5	**A** say	**B** tell	**C** told
6	**A** had they meant	**B** they had meant	**C** had meant
7	**A** had made	**B** made	**C** have made
8	**A** said	**B** asked	**C** told
9	**A** have closed	**B** closed	**C** had closed
10	**A** what	**B** whether	**C** had

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