



# Reported speech Reported statements

## 1 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the correct tense.

- 1 'We'll talk to the press about it later.'  
The minister said \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 'The terms and conditions of this app have changed.'  
The web manager said \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 'The paparazzi waited outside my house for two days.'  
The actress said \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 'There aren't many people at the demonstration.'  
The representative said \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 'My sister isn't going to star in the show.'  
Elsa said \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 'The police officers arrested the hackers.'  
The spokesman said \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 Rewrite the statements in reported speech.

- 1 'I'm tired.'  
She \_\_\_\_\_ tired.
- 2 'You have written an interesting article.'  
The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ an interesting article.
- 3 'We will never see each other again.'  
The man \_\_\_\_\_ each other again.
- 4 'Peter can't swim very well.'  
He \_\_\_\_\_ very well.
- 5 'I'm going to the doctor later.'  
My father \_\_\_\_\_ to the doctor later.
- 6 'My sister was really upset yesterday.'  
He \_\_\_\_\_ the day before.

# Reported questions

## 3 Complete the questions as reported questions.

- 1 'What's your name?'  
He asked me \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 'How often do you go shopping?'  
She asked her \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 'Will you arrive on time?'  
Her boyfriend asked her \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 'Has the teacher arrived?'  
Carol asked me \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 'Am I doing the right thing?'  
The president asked himself \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 'What will you do when you finish school?'  
My grandma asked me \_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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- 1 He \_\_\_\_\_ if Henry had closed the windows before leaving.
- 2 Our teacher \_\_\_\_\_ us that we should practise more if we wanted to win the contest.
- 3 My mother \_\_\_\_\_ us to tidy our rooms before dinner.
- 4 The mayor \_\_\_\_\_ his office had acted legally.
- 5 My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ that we go to the cinema the following week.
- 6 He \_\_\_\_\_ me help when I needed it.

## 5 Choose the best answers to complete the statements.

- 1 'You should join the art class.'  
The teacher *told* / *suggested* that I join the art class.
- 2 'Don't forget to post this letter.'  
My mum *said* / *told* me not to forget to post the letter.
- 3 'I can take you to the cinema.'  
My brother *offered* / *advised* to take us to the cinema.
- 4 'Why are you staying in on a Friday night?'  
My dad *asked* / *said* me why I was staying in on a Friday night.
- 5 'Put on sunscreen if you don't want to burn.'  
He *suggested* / *advised* me to put on sunscreen if I didn't want to burn.
- 6 'I'll help you do the dishes.'  
He *offered* / *said* to help me do the dishes.

## 6 Rewrite the dialogue in direct speech.

1 Lisa asked Matt if he had an *Instagram* account. 2 He said he didn't. 3 Lisa suggested that he get one for sharing photos. 4 Matt said he preferred using *Twitter*. 5 Lisa said she didn't have a *Twitter* account. 6 Matt offered to help her set one up. 7 He said it was really easy. 8 Lisa said that would be great. 9 Matt told her they should think of a username and a password. 10 He advised her to pick a password that contained letters and numbers.

- 1 Lisa: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Matt: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Lisa: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Matt: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Lisa: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Matt: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Matt: \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Lisa: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 Matt: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Matt: \_\_\_\_\_