

Language Focus Unit 8

Reported statements

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

My mum said that the thief was very tall.

- 1 Zack _____ Louis about the robbery.
- 2 My sister _____ that she'd seen a robbery.
- 3 Dante _____ us that he was a hacker.
- 4 They _____ the thief that he was in trouble.
- 5 We _____ that we'd go to the station.

2 Read the direct and reported speech. Is the reported speech correct (✓) or incorrect (✗)?

I'll go to the park.

He said that he would go to the park. ✓

I have a computer problem.

- 1 Dad said that he had a computer problem. ____

The robbers are in there.

- 2 He said that the robbers were in there. ____

The officer is coming.

- 3 Esther said that the officer had come. ____

You must lock your doors.

- 4 She said that I had to lock my doors. ____

He took my money.

- 5 I said that he was taking my money. ____

3 Read the interview. Then choose the correct words to complete the reported statements.

Int. Gill and her friends have just finished police school. Let's see how they feel. Gill?

Gill I've learned lots of things.

Reg I can help people who have problems.

Pete It's a great school.

Vicky I'll take another course soon.

Hans We must stop criminals!

Int. I feel safer now! Congratulations to all of you!



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Reg said that he (1) could / can help people who (2) were having / had problems.

Pete said that it (3) is / was a great school.

Vicky said that she (4) was taking / would take another course soon.

Hans said that they (5) had to / must stop criminals.

Reported questions

4 Tick the correct reported question (a or b).

'Did you have fun?' Thomas asked Kay.

- a Thomas asked Kay if she had had fun. ✓
- b Thomas asked Kay whether she had fun. ____

- 1 'Where are you taking me?' Eli asked Rose.

- a Eli asked Rose where are you taking me? ____
- b Eli asked Rose where she was taking him. ____

- 2 'Do you know Malcolm?' Mum asked me.

- a Mum asked me do you know Malcolm. ____
- b Mum asked me whether I knew Malcolm. ____

- 3 'Can you see it?' Ellie asked her cousin.

- a Ellie asked her cousin if she could see it. ____
- b Ellie asked her cousin whether she can see it. ____

- 4 'Will you be there?' Dad asked me.

- a Dad asked me will I be there. ____
- b Dad asked me if I would be there. ____

- 5 'How did you get that?' they asked me.

- a They asked me how I had got that. ____
- b They asked me how did you get that. ____

5 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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My cousin, Miranda, suggested that we call the police station.

- 1 Bill offered _____ the vandals' paint off the wall.
- 2 The police officer _____ not to move.
- 3 My parents asked me _____ home by ten o'clock.
- 4 They told me _____ all the doors when I left the house that day.
- 5 My brother _____ drive me to the train station.
- 6 My friends _____ get a new computer password.