

Reported speech – statements, questions, other reporting verbs and other reporting structures

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be • be good • cannot go • do • not open • stop

- 1 Mike said that the train at Birmingham for an hour which was why he was late.
- 2 They told us that the theatre until 7.15 pm.
- 3 I told him that I to the cinema because I was feeling a bit under the weather.
- 4 You said that the book, but I found it very boring.
- 5 We said that we our homework in the library.
- 6 Becky told Ron that she busy because she didn't want to go to the cinema with him.

2 Complete the questions in reported speech. Use the words given in your answers.

- 1 **Tom:** 'Why don't you like reading very much?'
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reading very much. (ask me)
- 2 **Tina:** 'Which streaming website is the film on?'
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on. (ask him)
- 3 **Pete:** 'Where was the music festival that you went to last weekend?'
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last weekend. (want to know)
- 4 **Lisa:** 'Have you heard Taylor Swift's new single?'
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Taylor Swift's new single. (want to know)
- 5 **Andy:** 'Do you like hip hop music?'
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hip hop music. (ask me)
- 6 **Ann:** 'Where will you stay when you go to the festival?'
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to the festival. (ask me)

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There are two extra verbs.

add • admit • agree • announce • complain • explain • promise

- 1 He with us that the play wasn't very good.
- 2 They that the festival tickets were already sold out.
- 3 I about the cost of the tickets because the show was only 30 minutes long.

- 4 The actor that he was retiring after his next film.
- 5 The singer said he liked my songs. He that he wanted to record one.

4 Find the six mistakes in the text.

The singer was very difficult to work with. First of all, he promised singing mainly songs from his first album. Then he changed his mind. He said to his agent had spoken to him. She advised him sing more songs from his new album. We suggested to perform a mix of old and new songs, but he refused. He criticised us for try to tell him what to play. The show wasn't very successful. Afterwards, he apologises for not listening to us.

5 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be • claim • complain about • confess to buy • explain • invite to go • see • take up • tell • think

- Rachel:** Have you ever been to Glastonbury?
Sara: No, I haven't. Have you?
Rachel: No. Katie has though. She went with Jackie. She said it (1) brilliant. She (2) with her, but I was busy that weekend.
Sara: Katie likes rock music, doesn't she?
Rachel: Yes, she does. I asked her which band she (3) was the best. She (4) favourite was Bastille. She said their gig was fantastic.
Sara: What else did she tell you?
Rachel: She said she (5) lots of good bands. She (6) that she hadn't always watched the groups on the main stage. She (7) she had met Billie Eilish, too, but I don't know if I believe her!
Sara: What about the camping? Did she like sleeping in a tent?
Rachel: She (8) the mud, but she admitted enjoying it more than she thought. She accused Jackie of (9) too much space in the tent, but I don't think it was really a problem!
Sara: I was going to go with my brother next year. He (10) tickets last weekend, just for him and his best friend though!
Rachel: That's a shame. It's sold out now, isn't it?
Sara: Yes, so I'll have to wait another year!