

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

1 Circle the correct alternative.

- Mike said that the train had stopped/has stopped at Birmingham for an hour which was why he was late.
- They told us that the theatre wouldn't/won't open until 7.15 pm.
- I told him that I can't/couldn't go to the cinema because I was feeling a bit under the weather.
- You said that the book had been/was very good, but I found it very boring.
- We said that we were doing/will do our homework in the library.
- Becky told Ron that she was being/was busy because she didn't want to go to the cinema with him.

2 Complete the questions in reported speech.

- Tom:** 'Why don't you like reading very much?'
Tom asked me
reading very much.
- Tina:** 'Which streaming website is the film on?'
Tina asked him on.
- Pete:** 'Where was the music festival that you went to last weekend?'
Pete wanted to know
that we went to last weekend.
- Lisa:** 'Have you heard Taylor Swift's new single?'
Lisa wanted to know
Taylor Swift's new single.
- Andy:** 'Do you like hip-hop music?'
Andy asked me
hip-hop music.
- Ann:** 'Where will you stay when you go to the festival?'
Ann asked me
when I went to the festival.

3 Circle the correct answer.

- He with us that the play wasn't very good.
a admitted b agreed c promised
- They that the festival tickets were already sold out.
a agreed b refused c explained
- I about the cost of the tickets because the show was only 30 minutes long.
a complained b promised c announced
- The actor that he was retiring after his next film.
a agreed b announced c reminded
- The singer said he liked my songs. He that he wanted to record one.
a announced b promised c added

4 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs given.

The singer was very difficult to work with. First of all, he (1) (promise/sing) mainly songs from his first album. Then he changed his mind. He said his agent had spoken to him. She (2) (advise/sing) more songs from his new album. We (3) (suggest/perform) a mix of old and new songs, but he (4) (refuse/listen). He (5) (criticise/try) to tell him what to play. The show wasn't very successful. Afterwards, he (6) (apologise for/not listen) to us.

5 Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

claimed • complained about • confessed to buying •
explained • invited me to go • it was • of taking up •
she had seen • told me that her •
which band she thought

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 (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 (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 (5) lots of good bands. She (6) that she didn't always watch the groups on the main stage. She (7) she 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 (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!