

Language Focus Unit 8



Reported statements

1 Look at the underlined words in the direct speech. Complete each gap in the reported speech with one word.

'I'll call you later,' he said to me.

He told me that he would call me later.

1 'You must stay inside,' she told us.

She _____ that we _____ stay inside.

2 'You can report her,' the officer said.

The officer said that I _____ report her.

3 'The boy is vandalizing the school,' Peter told us.

Peter _____ that the boy _____ the school.

4 'I have a burglar in my garden,' the woman said.

The woman _____ the police that she _____ a burglar in her garden.

5 'I've caught the mugger,' he said.

He said that he _____ the mugger.

6 'The pickpocket stole my purse,' I said to him.

I _____ him that the pickpocket _____ my purse.

7 'The hacker is someone I've met,' he said to her.

He _____ her that the hacker _____ someone that he _____.

2 Rewrite the direct speech in reported speech.

'They can stop crime.'

The man said that they could stop crime.

1 'He must return the money.'

She said _____.

2 'A thief stole my car.'

He said _____.

3 'We have hacking skills.'

Carl and Pippa said _____.

4 'The thief is running away.'

Farrah said _____.

5 'The vandals aren't dangerous.'

They said _____.

6 'They robbed the bank.'

I said _____.

Reported questions

3 Read the direct questions. Then choose the correct words to complete the reported speech.

'Did you go to the station?' Jeff asked Dave.

Jeff asked Dave whether he had gone / did go / went to the station.

1 'How did you pay for it?' Lauren asked me.

Lauren asked me how I had paid / did I pay / was I paying for it.

2 'Do you know the thief?' Richard asked me.

Richard asked me do you know / if I knew / whether I had known the thief.

3 'Can you carry the bags?' Will asked Emily.

Will asked Emily if she can carry / could carry / can carried the bags.

4 'What time did they call?' I asked Isabel.

I asked Isabel what time did they call / they had called / they called.

5 'Will Tanya be home?' Nancy asked us.

Nancy asked us whether Tanya will be / be / would be home.

4 Read what the officer said. Then complete the reported speech.

Firstly, let's make a list of everything the robber took. I can write the list down for you on my laptop. Don't touch anything! There might be fingerprints. Please describe the robber for me. I can take you to the police station if you want. Let's go in my car. Lock the shop door behind you.

My shop got robbed last night. When the officer arrived, he suggested that we make a list of everything that the robber had taken. He offered (1) _____ the list down for me on his laptop. He ordered me (2) _____ to touch anything. He asked me (3) _____ the robber for him. He offered (4) _____ me to the police station. He suggested (5) _____ we go in his car. He told me (6) _____ the shop door.