

Language Focus Unit 8

Reported statements

- 1 Complete the text with **said** or **tell** and the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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'I (1) ____ Alfie in the city centre earlier today,' Gary
(2) ____ Victoria. 'I (3) ____ hello to him and I
(4) ____ that he (5) ____ a little embarrassed. I
wanted to (6) ____ something to him about it, but I
(7) ____ him to think that I was being nosey.' 'You
(8) ____ the right thing,' (9) ____ Victoria. 'Mandy
(10) ____ me that the police (11) ____ him
shoplifting. It (12) ____ awful if he (13) ____ to tell
you that!'

- 2 Complete the direct or reported speech.

1 'She has the computer password,' Tim told me.

2 '_____,
_____.

Ellen told us that she's talked to the police.

3 'The officer is checking the garden,' Martin said.

4 '_____,
_____.

The detective told the thief that she couldn't escape.

5 'You must obey the law,' she told me.

6 '_____,
_____.

The officer told them that they would go to prison.

7 'The hacker is very clever,' he said.

8 '_____,
_____.

I said that the burglar had come through the window.

Reported questions

- 3 Report the questions. Start with **I asked** and give the name of the person who does the job.

'Have I broken my wrist?'

I asked the doctor if I had broken my wrist.

1 'How much is this shirt?'

2 'Will the bus go by the park?'

3 'Can I borrow the book for another day?'

4 'What kind of medicine should I give my dog?'

5 'Did I pass the exam?'

- 4 Underline the mistakes in the reported speech and then correct them.

I can't believe somebody vandalized your fence. Let's take a photo of it for the police. I can use my phone to take the picture for you. Don't remove the paint! Please calm down. I can repaint the fence for you. Let's tell the neighbours about the crime. Don't say who vandalized your fence until you're sure!

When my friend arrived, she said that she couldn't believe someone ^{had} ↑ vandalized my fence. Then she suggested we take a photo of it for the police. She offered using her phone to take the picture for me. She ordered me to not remove the paint. She told me calm down. She offered to repaint the fence for me. She suggested that we telling the neighbours about the crime. She told me not saying who'd vandalized my fence until I was sure.