

Exercises

1 Choose the correct option to complete the reported speech.

- 1 'I'll have the pasta.'
She said she *would have* / *will had* the pasta.
- 2 'I'm playing a game.'
He said he *was playing* / *had played* a game.
- 3 'I really don't like this film.'
She said she really *wasn't liking* / *didn't like* the film.
- 4 'I've visited Canada twice.'
She said she *visited* / *had visited* Canada twice.
- 5 'I lost my phone.'
He said *he lost* / *he'd lost* his phone.

2 Complete the reported speech with these words and phrases.

his me the day before the next day
their then there they

- 1 'I want to go there tomorrow.' → She said she wanted to go there _____.
- 2 'It's my new car.' → He said it was _____ new car.
- 3 'We love this restaurant.' → They said _____ loved that restaurant.
- 4 'We live here.' → They said they lived _____.
- 5 'I'll help you.' → He said he'd help _____.
- 6 'I'm at home now.' → She said she was at home _____.
- 7 'We missed our flight.' → They said they'd missed _____ flight.
- 8 'We went there yesterday.' → They said they'd gone there _____.

3 Complete the direct speech.

- 1 She said Mike had already left.
'Mike _____ already _____.'
- 2 Sally said she'd help me with my work.
'I _____ help you with your work.'
- 3 Greta said she didn't speak Portuguese.
'I _____ Portuguese.'
- 4 Martin said it had been cold the day before.
'It _____ cold yesterday.'
- 5 Fatima said she was arriving at 9 p.m.
'I _____ at 9 p.m.'

4 Look at these sentences and complete the reported speech.

- 1 'I lost the match.'
Jan said _____.
- 2 'I'll see you tomorrow.'
She said _____.
- 3 'Your email hasn't arrived.'
Mehmet said _____.
- 4 'I don't want to speak to you.'
He said _____.
- 5 'I'm trying to watch the TV.'
Luke said _____.

5 Three of these sentences are incorrect. Correct the sentences by adding or deleting a word.

- 1 He told that he was really tired.
- 2 Laura said the food was good.
- 3 She said me that she needed my help.
- 4 Stephen told me that he had got the job.
- 5 He said that he would fix my computer.
- 6 Anna told she was working today.

6 Read the dialogue. Then complete the sentences (1-5) with reported speech.

John: I've found something interesting.
Jack: You're holding an ancient Greek vase!
John: It's really beautiful.
Jack: It was probably lost in the sea for thousands of years.
John: I'll call the museum right away!

- 1 John said _____.
- 2 Jack told _____.
- 3 John said _____.
- 4 Jack said _____.
- 5 John told _____.