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Continue reporting each sentence, using only the number of words stated.

- a) 'Do you think you could possibly tell me what the time is?'
David asked me *to tell him the time*. (Five words)
- b) 'Excuse me, but I wonder if you'd mind opening the window.'
The man sitting next to me asked me.....(Four words)
- c) 'You go down this street, turn left, then take the second turning on the right.'
The cinema is just down the street on the left.'
A passer-by told me how.....(Five words)
- d) 'I want to know how much this bike costs. Can you tell me?'
John asked how.....(Four words)
- e) 'Look, don't worry, I'll help you if you like.'
Sue said she.....(Three words)
- f) 'All right, I tell you what, the car's yours for, let's say £500.'
The salesman said I could.....(Five words)
- g) 'I hope you don't mind my saying this, but you're being a bit silly, aren't you?'
Peter told me I.....(Five words)
- h) 'It doesn't look as if I'll be arriving until after eight, I'm afraid.'
Jane said she probably.....(Six words)

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Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown, so that the meaning stays the same.

- a) What time does the next boat leave?
Do you think you could tell me *what time the next boat leaves*?
- b) Where can I change some money?
Can you tell me
- c) Where is the toilet?
Could you possibly tell me
- d) How much does this pullover cost?
I'd like to know
- e) How do I get to Victoria Station?
Can you explain
- f) Does this train go to Gatwick Airport?
Could you tell me
- g) Where do you come from?
Would you mind telling me
- h) What do you think of London?
Do you think you could tell me.....

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Put a form of either *say*, *tell* or *ask* in each space.

- a) I *told* you that you had to be on time. Why are you late?
- b) When you her if she'd work late, what did she ?
- c) I think that Alan us a lie about his qualifications.
- d) When I him what he was doing there, he me it was none of my business.
- e) I I would help you, so here I am.