

# REPORTED SPEECH

## Exercises

① Here are some other things that Cynthia Peters told Ed Powers.

I went to the film studios last week.

We're starting the film next week.

A woman telephoned me yesterday.

I went to see her today.

I went to her house this afternoon, and she pulled out a gun!

Complete Ed's reported speech. Change the underlined time expressions.

1. Cynthia said she had come to L.A. the month before.
2. She said she \_\_\_\_\_ to the film studios \_\_\_\_\_.
3. She told me she \_\_\_\_\_ to sign the contract \_\_\_\_\_.
4. She added that they \_\_\_\_\_ the film \_\_\_\_\_.
5. She mentioned that a woman \_\_\_\_\_ her \_\_\_\_\_.
6. She told me she \_\_\_\_\_ to see her \_\_\_\_\_.
7. She said she \_\_\_\_\_ to the woman's house \_\_\_\_\_, and she \_\_\_\_\_ out a gun.

② Choose the correct verb forms.

1. I invited the new boy to the party tonight. He says he wants (wants/wanted) to come.
2. John's going to live in New York. It's strange because two years ago he said he \_\_\_\_\_ (is going/was going) to stay in London.
3. Don't worry, Mum. Dad says he \_\_\_\_\_ (will/would) pick me up from school tomorrow.
4. I don't know why Jim didn't come to the party yesterday. Last week he said he \_\_\_\_\_ (wants/wanted) to come.
5. Come on you guys! We've got to go to the head-teacher's office. She says she \_\_\_\_\_ (wants/wanted) to see us - NOW!
6. I talked to Alex today. He says he \_\_\_\_\_ (isn't going/wasn't going) to leave school next year after all!

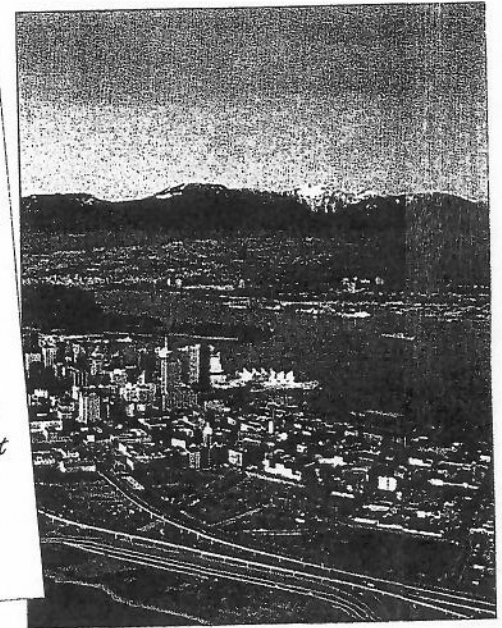
③ Fill in the correct form of the verb in brackets.

My mother always says that it isn't (be) a good idea to talk to people on the street. Well, a month or so ago, I was in town waiting for my friend Andy, when an elderly man came up to me and said he \_\_\_\_\_ (need) some help. I didn't really like the look of him because he was a bit dirty, but I felt quite sorry for him and so I said I \_\_\_\_\_ (will) be happy to help him. He told me he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a stranger in the town and added that someone \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) his wallet that morning. I told him that I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) any money to give him, but he said he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) asking for money, he just \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to know where the police station was. Just then my friend Andy arrived, and we told the man we \_\_\_\_\_ (take) him to the police station - and we did. When I told my mum about it the next day, I said I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) glad I'd helped the man - and I think she was quite pleased too. But she still asked me to think twice before talking to strangers.

④ Read this postcard.

Vancouver - 18 September

Dear Brian,  
Here we are in Vancouver! We arrived here last week, and we're staying in a nice hotel in a place called White Rock. Yesterday we visited a great place - a museum all about the native American Indians. And tonight we're going to a special restaurant to eat local salmon. Tomorrow we're going to Montreal. I'm a bit worried because I'll have to speak French! But people say it's a very interesting city. Then next week we're off to New York - brilliant! Hope you're well,  
Julie



Now read this dialogue between Brian and his friend Millie. Fill in the spaces - use the verbs from the postcard, and complete the time expressions.

Brian: I got a postcard a few weeks ago, from my pen friend Julie - you know, the one who lives in San Francisco?

Millie: Oh right. Where was it from?

Brian: Vancouver. She said they had arrived the week before and they \_\_\_\_\_ in a great hotel.

Millie: Vancouver's supposed to be a really interesting place.

Brian: Well, Julie mentioned that she and her family \_\_\_\_\_ a museum about native Indians the day \_\_\_\_\_. And of course she said something about food!

Millie: Why "of course"?

Brian: Oh, she just loves eating! She told me they \_\_\_\_\_ to a salmon restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ night. I bet she liked that!

Millie: Was she on holiday only in Vancouver?

Brian: No - it was like a trip all around North America. She said they \_\_\_\_\_ to Montreal \_\_\_\_\_ day, and she added that she \_\_\_\_\_ a bit worried because she \_\_\_\_\_ have to speak French.

Millie: I know how she feels! Anywhere else?

Brian: Yeah - she mentioned that they \_\_\_\_\_ off to New York the \_\_\_\_\_ week. What a great trip!

Millie: That's right. I'd love to do a trip like that.