



## Reported speech – statements, questions, other reporting verbs and other reporting structures

### 1 Circle the correct alternative.

- 1 Mike said that the train had stopped/has stopped at Birmingham for an hour which was why he was late.
- 2 They told us that the theatre wouldn't/won't open until 7.15 pm.
- 3 I told him that I can't/couldn't go to the cinema because I was feeling a bit under the weather.
- 4 You said that the book had been/was very good, but I found it very boring.
- 5 We said that we were doing/will do our homework in the library.
- 6 Becky told Ron that she was being/was busy because she didn't want to go to the cinema with him.

### 2 Complete the questions in reported speech.

- 1 Tom: 'Why don't you like reading very much?'  
Tom asked me .....  
reading very much.
- 2 Tina: 'Which screen is the film showing on?'  
Tina asked him .....  
showing on.
- 3 Pete: 'Where was the music festival that you went to last weekend?'  
Pete wanted to know .....  
that we went to last weekend.
- 4 Lisa: 'Have you heard Taylor Swift's new single?'  
Lisa wanted to know .....  
Taylor Swift's new single.
- 5 Andy: 'Do you like hip-hop music?'  
Andy asked me .....  
hip-hop music.
- 6 Ann: 'Where will you stay when you go to the festival?'  
Ann asked me .....  
when I went to the festival.

### 3 Circle the correct option.

- 1 He ..... with us that the play wasn't very good.  
a admitted      b agreed      c promised
- 2 They ..... that the festival tickets were already sold out.  
a agreed      b refused      c explained
- 3 I ..... about the cost of the tickets because the show was only 30 minutes long.  
a complained      b promised      c announced
- 4 The actor ..... that he was retiring after his next film.  
a agreed      b announced      c reminded
- 5 The singer said he liked my songs. He ..... that he wanted to record one.  
a announced      b promised      c added

### 4 Complete the text with the correct form of the verbs given.

The singer was very difficult to work with. First of all, he (1) ..... (promise/sing) mainly songs from his first album. Then he changed his mind. He said his agent had spoken to him. She (2) ..... (advise/sing) more songs from his new album. We (3) ..... (suggest/perform) a mix of old and new songs, but he (4) ..... (refuse/listen). He (5) ..... (criticise/try) to tell him what to play. The show wasn't very successful. Afterwards, he (6) ..... (apologise for/not listen) to us.

### 5 Complete the dialogue with these words.

told me that her • she had seen • claimed • it was • which band she thought • confessed to buying • of taking up • invited me to go • complained about • explained

- Rachel:** Have you ever been to Glastonbury?  
**Sara:** No, I haven't. Have you?  
**Rachel:** No. Katie has though. She went with Jackie. She said (1) ..... brilliant. She (2) ..... with her, but I was busy that weekend.  
**Sara:** Katie likes rock music, doesn't she?  
**Rachel:** Yes, she does. I asked her (3) ..... was the best. She (4) ..... favourite was Florence and the Machine. She said their gig was fantastic.  
**Sara:** What else did she tell you?  
**Rachel:** She said (5) ..... lots of good bands. She (6) ..... that she didn't always watch the groups on the main stage. She (7) ..... she met a member of the group Rudimental, too, but I don't know if I believe her!  
**Sara:** What about the camping? Did she like sleeping in a tent?  
**Rachel:** She (8) ..... the mud, but she admitted enjoying it more than she thought. She accused Jackie (9) ..... too much space in the tent, but I don't think it was really a problem!  
**Sara:** I was going to go with my brother next year. He (10) ..... tickets last weekend, just for him and his best friend though!  
**Rachel:** That's a shame. It's sold out now, isn't it?  
**Sara:** Yes, so I'll have to wait another year!