

UNIT 4 Grammar practice



Reporting verbs & structures

Reported statements

1 Complete the sentences.

Betty said, 'I'm not hungry.'

Betty said that she *wasn't* hungry.

1 'I want to go to the cinema,' my boyfriend said.

My boyfriend said that he
to go to the cinema.

2 Frank said, 'I don't take the train to work.'

Frank said that he the
train to work.

3 Tom said, 'I'm going to the shops.'

Tom said that he to the
shops.

4 'I'll call you when I've arrived,' Rob said.

Rob said that he me when
he

5 'I didn't see him yesterday,' said Carlo.

Carlo said that he him the
day before.

2 Read the dialogue. Then choose the correct options in the text underneath.

Sarah: Sorry, I can't make our date **tonight** because I'm not feeling very well. I ate some of (1) **these** prawns (2) **yesterday** and (3) **now** I feel really sick.

John: Oh dear, I'm sorry to hear that.

Sarah: I'm sure that I'll be better by (4) **tomorrow**. Can we go out tomorrow?

John: Sorry, I'm busy tomorrow, but why don't you come over (5) **here** (6) **next Saturday**?

Sarah told John that she couldn't make their date **that night / tonight** because she wasn't feeling very well. She said that she had eaten some of (1) **that / those** prawns the (2) **following day / day before** and she said that she felt really sick (3) **then / before**. Sarah said that she was sure she would be better by the (4) **following day / day before**. Instead, John suggested that she go over (5) **there / then** the (6) **Saturday before / following Saturday**.

say & tell

3 Complete the sentences with *said* or *told*.

His uncle *told* him the good news.

1 Dominic me he was getting married.

2 Who that I was going to live abroad?

3 Laura her sister that she was going to be late.

4 He his friends that the film started at 8 p.m.

5 The man that he was the students' new teacher.

4 Write sentences. Use reporting verbs.

'Wait here.'

Peter / tell / me / wait / there.

Peter told me to wait there.

1 'Let's go for a pizza.'

Alex / suggest / we / go / pizza.

2 'I think you should stay in bed.'

The doctor / recommend / she / stay / in bed.

3 'Stand still.'

The policeman / order / us / stand / still.

4 'Just a quick reminder that your essays are late.'

The teacher / remind / students / essays / be / late.

5 'Don't go in this building.'

The security guard / warn / us / not go / in / building.

6 'I like your new friend.'

Tony / tell / me / he / like / my new friend.

Reported questions

5 Put the words in the correct order to form reported questions.

'Where do you want to go?'

asked / wanted / The / go. / we / us / travel agent / where / to

The travel agent asked us where we wanted to go.

1 'Will you stay?'

would / if / He / I / asked / stay. / me

2 'Why are you leaving?'

he / asked / was / why / leaving. / Susan / her friend

3 'Where's my coat?'

where / was. / coat / her / me / My sister / asked

4 'Who are you?'

asked / were. / The policeman / them / they / who

5 'Where do you live?'

lived. / asked / The taxi driver / me / where / I

6 'What are you studying?'

asked / what / studying. / we / He / us / were

