

Reported speech 2

said and told; other verbs used for reporting;
reporting questions; polite questions

A Context listening

- A1** A journalist called Tim has written a newspaper report about a footballer, Joe Chapman. His boss wrote the headline. Does the report match the headline?

CHAPMAN: THE GIRLFRIENDS, THE TV CAREER, THE MONEY

Tim Donnelly finds out about Joe Chapman's life away from the football field.

Last season Joe Chapman scored more goals than any other player and he's become one of our star players. But where were the goals on Saturday in

the away match? There weren't any. This is because he hurt his knee in training and isn't fully fit. So what plans does Joe have? He's had offers to join other teams but isn't interested. He wants to see United win the cup this year for the third time.



- A2** 26 You are going to hear Tim talking about the report. Why is his boss angry?

- A3** 26 Listen again and tick the questions Tim asked.

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| 1 Have you got a new girlfriend? | 6 How long are you going to stay with the team? |
| 2 Why didn't you score any goals on Saturday? ✓ | 7 What do you do in your free time? |
| 3 Who were you with at that nightclub? | 8 When will we see your TV programme? |
| 4 Does your mother always watch your games? | 9 How much do you earn from adverts? |
| 5 Did you argue with the new manager? | 10 Will your team win the cup? |

- A4** Look at the recording script on page 194. Find these sentences and fill in the gaps.

- I asked him he any goals on Saturday.
- I asked him his mother always his games.

- A5** Look at the questions you ticked in A3.

- Which questions can we answer with *Yes* or *No*?
- Which questions begin with a question word?

Look at your answers to A4.

- When do we use *if* to report questions?
- What do you notice about the word order when we report a question?

B Grammar

B1 **said and told**

When we report what someone said we often use *said* or *told*.

said: He **said** (that) they would win.
He **said** to me (that) they would win.
~~not He said me (that) they would win.~~

told: ~~not He told (that) they would win.~~
~~not He told to me (that) they would win.~~
He **told** me (that) they would win.

▲ Remember the tense changes too (see Unit 25).

→ C1

B2 **Other verbs used for reporting**

We sometimes use the infinitive (to ...) after *tell* and *ask*:

Be careful. → I **told** him **to be** careful.

Please don't take any photographs. → He **asked** us **not to** take any photographs.

and also after some other reporting verbs:

Would you like to have lunch with me? → I **invited** him **to have** lunch with me.

Write a new article! → He **ordered** me **to write** a new article.

Remember to watch the match. → He **reminded** me **to watch** the match.

→ C2, C3

B3 **Reporting questions**

There are two kinds of question:

- ◆ questions which begin with a question word (*how, which, when, what, who, why, where, how long*)
- ◆ questions we can answer with *Yes* or *No*

Q-word question

How's your knee?

Where **will** you play?

Why **didn't** you score?

Reporting verb + Q-word + statement

→ Tim asked Joe how his knee was. (~~not how was his knee~~)

→ Tim asked Joe where he would play. (~~not where would he play~~)

→ Tim asked Joe why he hadn't scored. (~~not why hadn't he scored~~)

Yes/No question

Are you happy?

Reporting verb + if/whether + statement

→ Tim asked Joe **if/whether** he was happy. (~~not if/whether was he happy~~)

Does your mother always **watch**? → Tim asked Joe **if/whether** she always watched. (~~not if/whether did she always watch~~)

▲ Remember the tense changes too (see Unit 25).

We sometimes use a different verb instead of *asked*:

How much do you earn? → I **wanted to know** how much he earned.

Will they win? → I **wondered** if they would win.

→ C4

B4 **Polite questions**

When we ask politely for information we use the same word order as in reported questions:

Can you tell me when the match starts? (~~not Can you tell me when does the match start?~~)

I'd like to know if there are any tickets left. (~~not I'd like to know are there any tickets left?~~)

▲ We don't change the tense.

→ C5

C Grammar exercises

C1 Underline the correct word, *said* or *told*.

- 1 My cousin said/told he'd like to come and stay with us.
- 2 Sarah said/told us she'd enjoyed her holiday.
- 3 Craig said/told goodbye to us and left the room.
- 4 When I invited them they said/told they were busy.
- 5 I said/told Frances that I was going to watch television all evening.
- 6 The shop assistant said/told that the shop was closed on Wednesdays.
- 7 She said/told she hated cooking.
- 8 The bus driver said/told the passengers the bus had broken down.

C2 Some students are going on a sailing trip. Their teacher tells them to do these things. Complete the sentences.

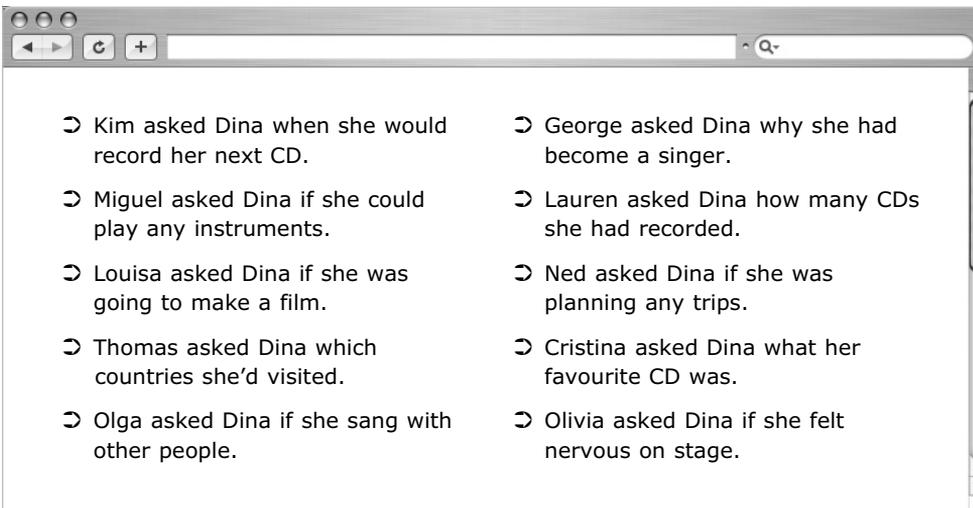
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| 1 Get up early. | He told them <u>to get up early</u> . |
| 2 Have breakfast. | He told them |
| 3 Don't be late. | He told them |
| 4 Wear a hat. | He told them |
| 5 Don't wear leather shoes. | He told them |
| 6 Bring a packed lunch. | He told them |
| 7 Don't bring expensive cameras. | He told them |
| 8 Don't fall in! | He told them |

C3 Read what people said on the left. Then complete each sentence on the right with a word from the box. You can use some of the words twice.

asked advised invited ordered reminded

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| 1 Could you fill in a form please? | → He <u>asked</u> me to fill in a form. |
| 2 Remember to take your keys. | → She them to take their keys. |
| 3 Tidy your room immediately! | → She them to tidy their room. |
| 4 Would you like to watch a DVD with me? | → She him to watch a DVD with her. |
| 5 Don't forget to phone Jim. | → She him to phone Jim. |
| 6 Would you walk more slowly please? | → He her to walk more slowly. |
| 7 Don't move. | → He them not to move. |

C4 On a TV programme, the audience asks a singer called Dina some questions. Here is the report on the programme's website.



Write the questions the audience asked.

- 1 Kim: 'When will you record your next CD?'
- 2 Miguel: '.....?'
- 3 Louisa: '.....?'
- 4 Thomas: '.....?'
- 5 Olga: '.....?'
- 6 George: '.....?'
- 7 Lauren: '.....?'
- 8 Ned: '.....?'
- 9 Cristina: '.....?'
- 10 Olivia: '.....?'

C5 Some tourists are asking a tourist guide some questions. They aren't very polite. Rewrite their questions politely.

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| 1 What will we eat tonight? | I'd like to know <u>what we'll eat tonight</u> |
| 2 Is there a swimming pool? | Can you tell me |
| 3 Does this city have underground trains? | Can you tell me |
| 4 How long are we staying here? | I'd like to know |
| 5 Are we going on a river trip? | I'd like to know |
| 6 Where is the nearest bank? | Can you tell me |
| 7 Can the hotel change my room? | I'd like to know |
| 8 When does it get dark? | Can you tell me |

D Exam practice

Reading Part 3 PREVIOUSLY PART 4

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter **A, B, C** or **D**.

My problem

My name's Jade, I'm fifteen and an only child living with my parents in Porchester. I've always got on very well with them and I've always felt happy at home.

Last autumn my cousin Bettina came to live our house. She's nineteen, and very pretty and funny. She's staying with us while she's a student at the university in Porchester. At first, I was very pleased to have another teenager in our house, because most of my friends don't live near me, but recently my feelings have changed.

I have lots of homework because I'm studying for school exams, but I have to clean my room and help with the washing-up. Bettina doesn't have exams this year so she doesn't have to work so hard. She has more money than me. She earns a bit because my dad helped her get a part-time job, and because it's at the local leisure centre she

doesn't pay the full price for tickets to see films there or go bowling with her friends. And although she doesn't pay rent to my parents they don't make her help in the house like I have to.

When I mentioned this to my parents they reminded me that we have to be kind to Bettina because her dad hasn't been well for a long time. I agree with that but there is a problem: I know Bettina tells lies to my parents. Last week, she told my dad that she was going to the library but she went to meet her boyfriend. Two days ago she asked my mum to lend her some money. She said she needed to buy some books, but I think she spent it all on CDs.

I asked my parents if they knew what she had done, but they didn't believe me. They said I was jealous of her and refused to listen to me.

I'd like to know what I should do now.

- 1 What is Jade trying to do?
 - A describe her older cousin
 - B explain why she has problems with school work
 - C say why she doesn't like being an only child
 - D explain a problem she has at home

- 2 When Bettina arrived, how did Jade feel?
 - A She was jealous of Bettina's good looks.
 - B She hoped Bettina could help her with homework.
 - C She was happy to have her to stay.
 - D She wanted Bettina to meet her friends.

3 What does the writer say about Bettina's job?

- A She earns a lot of money.
- B She gets cheap tickets because of it.
- C She hasn't told Jade's parents about it.
- D She works when she should be studying.

4 Jade's parents asked her to remember

- A that Bettina's family has problems.
- B that she isn't as old as Bettina.
- C that Bettina has many responsibilities.
- D that Jade's father is ill.

5 Which of these things did Jade say to her parents?

A



I want to get a job so that I can earn money like Bettina.

B



It's not fair that I have to help in the house and Bettina doesn't.

C



Bettina's father should pay you more for her accommodation.

D



Bettina gets cheap cinema tickets her friends but not for me.

Grammar focus task

Look at the parts of the text which report these sentences and underline any changes which you find.

- 1 I'm going to the library. She told my dad that she was going to the library.
- 2 Could you lend me some money?
- 3 I need to buy some books.
- 4 Do you know what she's done?
- 5 We don't believe you.
- 6 You're jealous of her.
- 7 We won't listen to you.
- 8 What should I do now?