

1 Match the direct speech (1–6) to the reported statements (A–F).

- 1 'I don't play much.' ...C
- 2 'We're playing well.'
- 3 'I can win.'
- 4 'We must play well.'
- 5 'We'll win.'
- 6 'I haven't won yet.'

- A She said they had to play well.
- B He said he hadn't won yet.
- C He said he didn't play much.
- D He said he could win.
- E She said they were playing well.
- F She said they would win.

2 Look at the reported sentences and complete the direct speech.

1 Hannah told me she was going to join the volleyball club.

Hannah: 'I *'m going to join* the volleyball club.'

2 Alexander said he didn't have a racket.

Alexander: 'I a racket.'

3 Kiara promised she would come and watch me play.

Kiara: 'I you play.'

4 Joe told me he hadn't been to a football stadium before.

Joe: 'I to a football stadium before.'

5 Lara said she couldn't play because she was injured.

Lara: 'I injured.'

3 Choose the correct options in the reported statements.

- 1 'I've never seen him play so well.'
She said she had never seen / never sees him play so well.
- 2 'I love doing sport in the rain.'
He told me that he *loved* / *was loving* doing sport in the rain.
- 3 'I trained really hard before the tournament.'
She told us that she *has trained* / *had trained* really hard before the tournament.
- 4 'I'm going to take a break from sport for a while.'
He announced that he *took* / *was going to take* a break from sport for a while.
- 5 'We're building a new stadium.'
The club said they *have been building* / *were building* a new stadium.

4 Correct the mistake in bold in each sentence.

- 1 I told the referee what the other player **says** earlier.
I told the referee what the other player had said earlier.
- 2 She **said** me that it would be a tough match.
.....
- 3 The runner admitted that he **was** taken a banned substance before the race.
.....
- 4 She explained that it **is always** her dream to win the tournament.
.....
- 5 My coach just told me **to don't** worry about the score.
.....

5 Read what Natasha said. Then complete the reported speech in the news report below.

'Although I love playing tennis, I can't continue playing forever. I have had a lot of injuries in the last two years and it is becoming too difficult to play pain-free. This tournament will be my last one. I want to thank my coach and my fans. I'm going to give my all, one last time!'

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Former Grand-slam champion Natasha Babikova has just announced that she will retire after next week's Miami Open. In a press conference, she said that although she ¹ *loved* playing tennis, she ² playing forever. Explaining her decision, she told reporters that she ³ a lot of injuries in the past two years and that it ⁴ too difficult for her to play pain-free. She stated that the Miami Open ⁵ her last one, and she finished by saying that she ⁶ to thank ⁷ coach and fans and promised that she ⁸ to give ⁹ all, one last time.

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- 2 E
- 3 D
- 4 A
- 5 F
- 6 B

2

- 2 don't have
- 3 'll/will come and watch
- 4 haven't been
- 5 can't play because I'm

3

- 2 loved
- 3 had trained
- 4 was going to take
- 5 were building

4

- 2 She **told** me that it would be a tough match.
- 3 The runner admitted that he **had** taken a banned substance before the race.
- 4 She explained that it **had always been** her dream to win the tournament.
- 5 My coach just told me **not to** worry about the score.

5

- 2 couldn't continue
- 3 had had
- 4 was becoming
- 5 would be
- 6 wanted
- 7 her
- 8 was going
- 9 her