

**1** In 1–4, underline the original verbs and reported verbs, then decide the reason (A, B or C) the tense of the reported verbs does not change.

- 'They 're changing the speed limit soon.' → I found out that they 're changing the speed limit soon. B
  - 'In Japan they also drive on the left.' → He informed us that in Japan they also drive on the left. ....
  - 'What time is it?' → He's asking what the time is. ....
  - 'Are you coming by car tomorrow?' → She asked if you're coming by car tomorrow. ....
- A** The events are true at any time.  
**B** The events reported are not in the past.  
**C** The reporting verb is in the present tense.

**2** Complete the reported sentences. Change the verb tense only where necessary. When the reported verb stays the same, give the reason (A, B or C) from Exercise 1.

- 'There are always traffic jams on this road.'  
My mum warned me that there are always traffic jams on this road. A
- 'We're going to be early.'  
She thought that they ..... to be early, yet they arrived just on time. ....
- 'Can I have some more cake, please?'  
Are you asking me if you ..... some more cake? .....
- 'My train gets to Milan at 11.15 tomorrow morning.'  
He reminded me that his train ..... to Milan at 11.15 tomorrow morning. ....
- 'Have you filled up the car with petrol?'  
Before we left, I asked him ..... the car with petrol. ....
- 'I'm injured.'  
Before the race, he claimed that he ..... injured. ....
- 'Do you like driving?'  
He asked me ..... driving. ....

**3** Complete the table with the verbs in the box. Some verbs can go in more than one place.

agree confess deny enquire insist persuade point out suggest

agree	+ to + verb
	+ someone to + verb
	+ verb + -ing
	that + sentence
	+ to + verb + -ing
	+ about + verb + -ing
	+ on + verb + -ing

**4** Complete the second sentences in each pair so they have a similar meaning to the first, with ONE of the words given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 'Yes, I'll pick you up at 6.15. No problem,' Jamie said.  
Jamie agreed to pick me up at 6.15.  
**AGREED** / DENIED
- 'It was me. I scratched your car. Sorry!' said Max.  
Max ..... my car. SUGGESTED / CONFESSED
- 'Why don't we get a taxi instead of taking public transport?' Beatrice said.  
Beatrice ..... instead of taking public transport. SUGGESTED / AGREED

**5** Cross out the mistakes in the sentences. Write the correct sentences.

- The doctor says that in one week he ~~would~~ take off my bandage.  
The doctor says that in one week he will take off my bandage.
- I tried to persuade them. I say them that nothing bad will happen and I was right.  
.....
- I warned him that it will be slower that way and he took ages.  
.....
- She asked me where do I live.  
.....
- I said eight o'clock, but she insisted to come earlier.  
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**6** Complete the story with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Use reported speech where necessary.

Last month I stupidly left my rucksack on the coach. I immediately phoned the coach company and <sup>1</sup> ..... *asked* ..... (ask) them whether someone <sup>2</sup> ..... (find) it. They told me that someone <sup>3</sup> ..... (call) me back within the hour, but of course they didn't, so I rang again. They asked me where I <sup>4</sup> ..... (live) so that they could send it to me if it <sup>5</sup> ..... (turn up). It still hasn't turned up! A week later, I received a package. I couldn't believe it. I <sup>6</sup> ..... (send) someone else's bag. When I told them, they completely denied <sup>7</sup> ..... (make) any mistake. They said the postman must have <sup>8</sup> ..... (take) it to the wrong house. Can you believe it?

### 1

- 2 drive → drive – A
- 3 is → is – C
- 4 Are ... coming → 're coming – B

### 2

- 2 were going
- 3 can have – C
- 4 gets – B
- 5 if he had filled up
- 6 was
- 7 if I like – A

### 3

agree	+ to + verb
persuade	+ <i>someone to</i> + verb
suggest, deny	+ verb + <i>-ing</i>
insist, suggest, point out, deny, confess, agree	<i>that</i> + sentence
confess	+ to + verb + <i>-ing</i>
enquire	+ <i>about</i> + verb + <i>-ing</i>
insist	+ <i>on</i> + verb + <i>-ing</i>

### 4

- 2 confessed to scratching / having scratched
- 3 suggested getting a taxi

### 5

- 2 I tried to persuade them. I **told / said to** them that nothing bad **would** happen and I was right.
- 3 I warned him that it **would** be slower that way and he took ages.
- 4 She asked me where I **live / lived**.
- 5 I said eight o'clock, but she insisted **on coming** earlier.

### 6

- 2 had found
- 3 would call
- 4 live/lived
- 5 turns up/turned up
- 6 had been sent
- 7 making / having made
- 8 taken