

**1** Read the direct and reported speech in 1–4 and 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 reported verb tense only where necessary.

- 'There are always traffic jams on this road.'  
My mum warned me that there ..... are always ..... traffic jams on this road.
- '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
suggest	+ verb + -ing
insist, suggest	that + sentence
	+ to + verb + -ing
	+ about + verb + -ing
insist	+ on + verb + -ing

**4** Complete the second sentences in each pair so they have a similar meaning to the first, with the word 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
- 'It was me. I scratched your car. Sorry!' said Max.  
Max ..... my car. CONFESSED
- 'Why don't we get a taxi instead of taking public transport?' Beatrice said.  
Beatrice ..... instead of taking public transport. SUGGESTED

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

- The doctor says that in one week he ~~would~~ take off my bandage. will
- 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. ....

**6** Choose the correct options in the story.

Last month I stupidly left my rucksack on the coach. I immediately phoned the coach company and <sup>1</sup> asked / have asked them whether someone <sup>2</sup> finds / had found it. They told me that someone <sup>3</sup> will call / would 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 / had lived so that they could send it to me if it <sup>5</sup> will turn up / turns up. It still hasn't turned up! A week later, I received a package. I couldn't believe it. I <sup>6</sup> had been sent / had sent someone else's bag. When I told them, they completely denied <sup>7</sup> to make / making any mistake. They said the postman must have <sup>8</sup> took / taken it to the wrong house. Can you believe it?

### 1

- 2 A
- 3 C
- 4 B

### 2

- 2 were going
- 3 can have
- 4 gets
- 5 if/whether he had filled up
- 6 was
- 7 if/whether I like

### 3

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

### 4

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

### 5

- 2 ~~say them~~ (told them /said to them), ~~will~~ (would)
- 3 ~~will~~ (would)
- 4 ~~where do I live~~ (where I live[d])
- 5 ~~to come~~ on coming

### 6

- 2 had found
- 3 would call
- 4 live
- 5 turns up
- 6 had been sent
- 7 making
- 8 taken