

UNIT 19 Reported speech

Practice

1 Change the sentences from reported to direct speech.

1 Andy said he was texting his parents.

Andy said, 'I ____ my parents.'

2 My brothers said they couldn't find any pictures of their favourite singers.

My brothers said, 'We ____ any pictures of our favourite singers.'

3 Andrea said she always laughed at the letters page in her magazine.

Andrea said, 'I always ____ the letters page in my magazine.'

4 My sister said I could borrow her new shoes.

My sister said, 'You ____ new shoes.'

5 Phil said he often bought a newspaper for his dad.

Phil said, 'I often ____ for my dad.'

6 Alexi said he was looking for an article about his local team.

Alexi said, 'I ____ an article about my local team.'

7 We said we'd design the front cover.

We said, 'We ____ the front cover.'

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

- 1 Harry ____ that he wanted to leave.
- 2 I ____ my mother that I would help her today.
- 3 We ____ the teacher that we couldn't do the homework.
- 4 My teacher ____ that we had to finish the homework before Monday.
- 5 My dad ____ me that he had a new job.

3 Complete the reported sentences.

- 1 'I'm starting a blog about my sailing club,' said Saskia.
Saskia told me ____ a blog about her sailing club.
- 2 'Readers can get free gifts with fashion magazines,' said Lewis.
Lewis said that readers ____ free gifts with fashion magazines.
- 3 'The writers don't know much about teenagers, in my opinion,' said my mum.
My mum told me that in her opinion, the writers ____ much about teenagers.
- 4 'I'll take some photos for you,' said Derek.
Derek said ____ some photos for me.
- 5 'We are making a lot of progress with our stories,' said the twins.
The twins said ____ a lot of progress with their stories.
- 6 'The celebrities are sitting in my garden,' said the photographer.
The photographer said that the celebrities ____ in his garden.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use one, two or three words.

1 Ewan: 'I don't want to write about sport!'

Ewan told me he _____ to write about sport.

2 Anita: 'My article will be really funny.'

Anita said her article _____ really funny.

3 James: 'The story can't be true.'

James said the story _____ true.

4 Chris: 'I'm not listening to a word you say!'

Chris said that he _____ to a word she said.