

# REPORTED SPEECH: STATEMENTS

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Pass on what people said while keeping their meaning clear.

## 1. GET STARTED

Ask and answer using reported speech. Give a real example or invent a message; preserve its meaning.

**A:** Is Mia still coming tonight?

**B:** She **said she was** tired and **couldn't come**. She **said she'd call** tomorrow.

**A:** That's a shame. I'll save her some cake.

## 2. WHAT PEOPLE SAID

1. What **did** someone **say** about their weekend? Report one detail.
2. What **did** a friend **tell you** about a recent trip?
3. What **did** someone **say** they were planning to do this week?
4. What **did** a teacher or colleague **tell you** about an upcoming task?
5. What good news **did** someone **tell you** recently?
6. What **did** someone **say** they could or couldn't do?

**Keep talking:** What else did they say? / Did they give a reason? / Who did they tell?

## 3. PASS ON THE MESSAGE

One person says the quoted words. The other reports them, then discuss a response.

7. Jo says: "I'm running late." What **did Jo say**? What could you do?
8. Ben says: "I can't find my keys." What **did Ben say**? How could you help?
9. Mia says: "I'll bring some food." What **did Mia say**? What will you bring?
10. Ali says: "I don't like loud music." What **did Ali say**? Where could you meet?

## 4. A CHANGE OF PLAN

One person is organising a meal. The other invents two messages from invited friends.

Report what the friends said about their plans or needs. Agree on any changes to make.

**Example:** Jo **said she couldn't eat** cheese, so let's choose another dish.

Swap roles and invent different messages.

**Answer help:** She said (that) ... / He told me (that) ... / They said they'd ...

**Remember:** Check pronouns and time words. Backshift is common; still-true facts may stay present.