

12 Life's great events!

Reported speech • Reporting verbs • Birth, marriage, and death • Saying sorry

TEST YOUR GRAMMAR

- 1 Read the story of John and Moira in A and complete their actual conversation in B.

THE MARRIAGE PROPOSAL

A John greeted Moira and asked how she was. She told him she was fine. He said it was great to see her. He added that they hadn't seen each other since Paris. She said that she had loved Paris and asked if he had plans to go again. John said there was something he had to ask her. He told her that he loved her and asked if she would marry him and come to Paris on honeymoon. She said that she would and that she loved him too.

B J Hi, Moira. How are you ?
 M I _____, thanks.
 J It _____ to see you again. We _____ seen each other since Paris.
 M I _____ Paris. _____ you _____ to go again?
 J There _____ something I _____ to ask you.
 I _____ you. _____ you _____ me and come to Paris on honeymoon?
 M Yes, I _____. I _____ you, too.

- 2 Which is direct speech and which is reported speech? 3 **T 12.1** Listen and check. What are the differences?

THE WEDDING

Reported statements and questions

- 1 Adam and Beatrice meet at John and Moira's wedding. Match a line in A with a line in B.

A Adam	B Beatrice
1 How do you know John and Moira?	Yes, we have. We flew in from Dublin yesterday.
2 Are you married?	Sure. I'll introduce you to my husband.
3 Where did you meet your husband?	We're staying at the Four Seasons Hotel.
4 Have you travelled far to get here?	Yes, I am. That's my husband over there.
5 Do you live in Dublin?	I went to the same school as Moira.
6 So, where are you staying?	Actually, I met him at a wedding.
7 So am I. Can we all meet there later for coffee?	Yes, we do.

T 12.2 Listen and check.

- 2 Beatrice is telling her husband, Ron, about the conversation with Adam. Read what she says.

'I just met this really nice guy called Adam. He was very friendly. Do you know what he said? First, he asked me how I knew John and Moira. I told him that I had gone to the same school as Moira. Then he asked if I was married. Of course I said that I was! And next ...'

GRAMMAR SPOT

1 Complete the reported speech.

Direct speech

'Are you married?'
he asked.

'We're married,'
she said.

'How do you know John
and Moira?' he asked.

'I went to the same
school as Moira,'
she told him.

Reported speech

He asked if I was
married.

She said that they
_____ married.

He asked me how I
_____ John and Moira.

She told him that she
_____ to the same
school as Moira.

2 What happens to tenses in reported speech?

3 What is the difference in the way *say* and *tell* are used?

4 When is *if* used?

▶▶ Grammar Reference 12.1–12.3 p150



PRACTICE

What did Adam say?

1 Work with a partner. Continue reporting the conversation.
'... next he asked where we'd met and I told him that we ...'

T 12.3 Listen and compare.

He's a liar!

2 After having a coffee with Adam, Ron and Beatrice go back to their hotel room. Complete their conversation.

- 1 R Adam lives in Birmingham.
B He told me he _____! (Cambridge)
- 2 R He doesn't like his new job.
B He told me he _____ it! (love)
- 3 R He's moving to Manchester.
B Hang on! He told me _____! (Australia)
- 4 R He went to Brighton on his last holiday.
B Strange. He told me _____! (Florida)
- 5 R He'll be 40 next week.
B Really! He told me _____! (30)
- 6 R He's been married three times.
B But he told me _____! (never/married)
R You see! I told you he was a liar!

T 12.4 Listen and check. Notice the stress and intonation. Practise the conversation with a partner.

Discussing grammar

3 Work with a partner. What is the difference in meaning in the pairs of sentences below? When does 'd = had? When does 'd = would?

- 1 He asked them how they'd travelled to the wedding.
He asked them how they'd travel to the wedding.
- 2 She told her mother that she loved John.
She told her mother that she'd love John.
- 3 She said they lived in Dublin.
She said they'd lived in Dublin.

What did the people actually say in direct speech?

4 Report these sentences.

- 1 'I'm tired!' he said.
- 2 'Are you leaving on Friday?' she asked me.
- 3 'We haven't seen Jack for a long time,' they said.
- 4 'We flew to Tokyo,' they said.
- 5 'Which airport did you fly from?' I asked them.
- 6 'The flight has been cancelled,' the announcement said.
- 7 'I'll call you later,' he said.
- 8 'We can't do the exercise,' they told the teacher.

GO TO PRISON!

Reported commands and requests

- 1 Read the newspaper article. Name the people in the photos.
- 2 Who is speaking? Find the lines in the text that report these sentences.
 - 1 'You have to go to prison for 14 days.'
Judge Pickles ordered them to spend 14 days in prison.
 - 2 'It's terrible. We can hear them shouting from across the street.'
 - 3 'Please will you stop making a noise? My baby can't get to sleep.'
 - 4 'Stop making that noise!'
 - 5 'Please, can you come right away?'
 - 6 'OK. OK. It's true. We were arguing.'
 - 7 'You've been wasting our money on computer games again!'
 - 8 'We didn't throw the chair.'
 - 9 'Remember that you have already had two warnings from the police.'
 - 10 'I think you should see a marriage guidance counsellor.'



'We can hear them shouting through the walls.'

'LET'S HAVE SOME PEACE AND QUIET!'

That's what Judge Margaret Pickles told Kenny and Kathleen Brady as she ordered them to spend 14 days in prison.



'My husband's been wasting money on computer games.'

THE COUPLE married only six months ago, and already they are famous for their fights. Neighbours complained that they could hear them shouting from across the street. Ann West, who lives next door, said, 'First I asked them nicely to stop because my baby couldn't get to sleep, but they didn't. Then my husband knocked on their door and told them to stop, but they refused to listen. They threw a chair out of the window at him. It just missed him! So that was it! We called the police and asked them to come right away.'

The Bradys admitted they had been arguing. Mrs Brady said that she had accused her husband of wasting their money on computer games. However, they denied throwing the chair.

The judge clearly did not believe them. She reminded them that they had already had two previous warnings from the police. She advised them to talk to a marriage guidance counsellor.

Mr and Mrs West and their baby are looking forward to getting some sleep!

GRAMMAR SPOT

- Which sentence is a reported statement?
Which is a reported command?
He **told them to stop** making a noise.
She **told them that she lived** next door.
- Which sentence is a reported question?
Which is a reported request?
I **asked them to stop** making a noise.
She **asked me if I had met** them before.
- Say, tell, and ask* are all used in reported speech. Underline other verbs in the article that can be used to report conversations.
She ordered them ...

▶▶ Grammar Reference 12.4 p150

Listening and note-taking

- You are police officers taking statements. Work in two groups.

T 12.6 Group A Listen to Kathleen Brady and take notes.



T 12.7 Group B Listen to Ann West and take notes.



PRACTICE

Other reporting verbs

- Match these reporting verbs with the direct speech below.

a ask	d invite	g beg
b tell	e remind	h refuse
c order	f advise	

- 'Sign on the dotted line,' the salesman said to me.
 - 'Please can you translate this sentence for me?' Maria said to Mark.
 - 'Don't forget to send Aunt Nora a birthday card,' Mary said to her son.
 - 'Please, can you help me with this maths homework? I don't understand it at all,' Jane said to Sally.
 - 'We would like you to come to our wedding,' John said to his boss.
 - 'I won't go to bed!' Waleed said.
 - 'You should talk to your solicitor,' Ben said to Tim.
 - 'Take that chewing gum out of your mouth right now!' the teacher said to Joanna.
- Report the sentences in exercise 1 using the verbs a–h.
The salesman told me to sign on the dotted line.

▶▶ Verb patterns p158

T 12.5 Listen and check.

- Find a partner from the other group and report what you heard. Find the differences. Begin like this:

A Kathleen admitted that they sometimes argued. She said that ...
B Ann complained that they argued every night. She said that ...

- Write the reports for the police records. Use the verbs in the box.

admit apologize complain offer order promise refuse say tell

VOCABULARY AND SPEAKING

Birth, marriage, and death

- Write down any words or phrases that go with these life events: **birth**, **marriage**, **death**. Compare your ideas with the class. How many different words did you think of?
- Are any of your words in this list? Write these words and phrases in the correct column below.

wedding	funeral	to get engaged
bride	midwife	sympathy
groom	widow	to have a baby
bouquet	wreath	pregnant
reception	to bury	grief
cot	bridesmaid	cemetery
mourners	pram	grave
honeymoon	nappy	to get divorced
coffin		

Birth	Marriage	Death

- Complete these sentences with words from exercise 2.
 - They had a big wedding. Three hundred people were invited to the r_____ afterwards.
 - The b_____ and g_____ didn't tell anyone where they are going on h_____ after the wedding.
 - Thousands of m_____ lined the route for the king's f_____.
 - When the emperor died, they decided to b_____ him in a gold c_____.
 - The Queen laid a w_____ of white roses on her father's g_____.
 - I sent my grandmother, who's a w_____, a huge b_____ of flowers for her birthday.
 - They say old Tom died of g_____ soon after his wife died.
 - My sister has just had a b_____ boy. She said the doctor and m_____ were wonderful at the birth.

READING AND LISTENING

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

DAVID COPPERFIELD

by Charles Dickens



Work in small groups.

- When and where were you born? What have you been told about the day you were born? Who told you? What did they say? Discuss with your group. Are there any interesting stories? Tell the class.
- You are going to read an extract from *David Copperfield*, a very famous novel by one of the greatest English writers, Charles Dickens (1812–1870). The story is written in an *autobiographical* style. What does this mean?
- T 12.3** Read and listen to Part 1 on page 99. It begins just before David Copperfield's birth. His young, widowed mother meets her dead husband's aunt, Betsey Trotwood. What impression do you form of the characters of the two women? Have they met before?
- Read Part 1 again. Are these sentences true (✓) or false (✗)? Correct the false sentences.
 - David Copperfield was born just before his father died.
 - His father was also called David Copperfield.
 - Aunt Betsey rang the bell and woke David's mother.
 - David believes his aunt's sudden arrival caused him to be born that day.
 - Aunt Betsey thinks David's mother looks too young to have a baby.
 - David's mother is looking forward to the birth of her baby.
 - Aunt Betsey is sure the baby will be a boy.
 - She wants to help David's mother bring up the baby.