

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

\_ you, too.

# THE WEDDING

# Reported statements and questions

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

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

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.

and Moira?' he asked. I went to the same school as Moira. she told him.

How do you know John

Reported speech

He asked if I \_\_\_was married.

She said that they married.

He asked me how I \_\_\_\_\_ John and Moira.

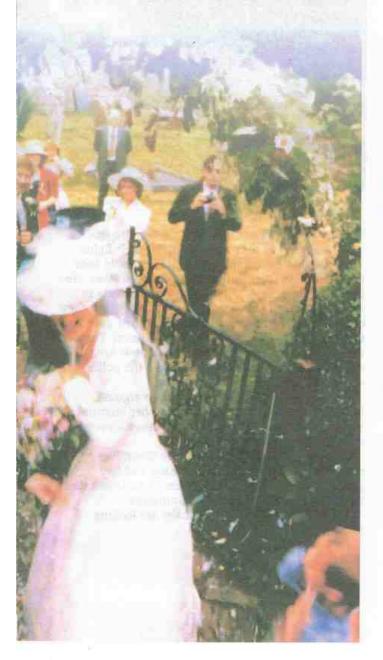
She told him that she to the same school as Moira.

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 ..."

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!

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?
  - He asked them how they'd travelled to the wedding. He asked them how they'd travel to the wedding.
  - 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.
  - '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.
  - '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
  - 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.'

# ET'S HAVE SOME

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.'

HE 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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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 ...



#### PRACTICE

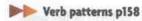
#### Other reporting verbs

1 Match these reporting verbs with the direct speech below.

| a | ask   | d | invite | g | beg    |
|---|-------|---|--------|---|--------|
| b | tell  | 9 | remind | h | refuse |
| ¢ | order | f | advise |   |        |

- 1 5 'Sign on the dotted line,' the salesman said to me.
- 2 Please can you translate this sentence for me?' Maria said to Mark.
- 3 (Don't forget to send Aunt Nora a birthday card,' Mary said to her son.
- 4 \(\superstruct{\text{'Please, can you help me with this}}\) maths homework? I don't understand it at all,' Jane said to Sally.
- 5 "We would like you to come to our wedding,' John said to his boss.
- 6 "I won't go to bed!' Waleed said.
- 7 \( \sum \) 'You should talk to your solicitor,' Ben said to Tim.
- 8 Take that chewing gum out of your mouth right now!' the teacher said to Joanna.
- 2 Report the sentences in exercise 1 using the verbs a-h.

The salesman told me to sign on the dotted line.



Listen and check.

#### Listening and note-taking

- 3 You are police officers taking statements. Work in two groups.
  - 12.6 Group A Listen to Kathleen Brady and take notes.



Group B Listen to Ann West and take notes.



- 4 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 ...
- 5 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

- 1 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?
- 2 Are any of your words in this list? Write these words and phrases in the correct column below.

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

| Birth | Marriage   | Death  |
|-------|------------|--------|
| 38    |            |        |
|       |            |        |
|       |            | 700    |
|       | III. See . | 1 (12) |

3 Complete these sentences with words from exercise 2.

| 1   | They had a bi  | ig wedding. T | hree hundred |
|-----|--|---------------|--------------|
|     | people were invited to the r   |               |              |
|     | afterwards.  |               |              |
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| 2 | The b                            | and g | didn't tell |  |
|---|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|--|
|   | anyone where they are going on h |       |             |  |
|   | after the wedding.               |       |             |  |

|   | 0              |                     |
|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 3 | Thousands of m | lined the route for |
|   | the king's f   |                     |

| 4 | When | the emperor died, they | decided t | 0 |
|---|------|------------------------|-----------|---|
|   | Ь    | him in a gold c        |           |   |

| 5 | The Queen laid a w | of white roses |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
|   | on her father's g  |                |

- 6 I sent my grandmother, who's a w\_\_\_\_\_ a huge b\_\_\_\_\_ of flowers for her birthday.
- 7 They say old Tom died of g\_\_\_\_\_ soon after his wife died.
- 8 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.

- 1 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?
- 3 T12.8 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?
- 4 Read Part 1 again. Are these sentences true (✓) or false (X)? Correct the false sentences.
  - 1 David Copperfield was born just before his father died.
  - 2 His father was also called David Copperfield.
  - 3 Aunt Betsey rang the bell and woke David's mother.
  - 4 David believes his aunt's sudden arrival caused him to be born that day.
  - 5 Aunt Betsey thinks David's mother looks too young to have a baby.
  - 6 David's mother is looking forward to the birth of her baby.
  - 7 Aunt Betsey is sure the baby will be a boy.
  - 8 She wants to help David's mother bring up the baby.