

REPORTED SPEECH EXERCISES CORRECTION

KEY 2 BAC



Exercise A, page 12

The verbs that don't change are:

- *had learned / learnt* because it is in the past perfect, and the past perfect doesn't change in reported speech.
- *would like* because it uses the modal verb *would*, and most modal verbs don't change in reported speech.
- *am planning* because you do not need to change the tense if the reporting verb is in the present, or if the original statement was about something that is still true.

Most verbs move 'one step' further into the past.

Exercise B, page 12

B.A.- was going

B.B.- to

B.C.- Paul to

B.D.- stealing

B.E.- buying

B.1.- We use a direct object with 'told', but not with 'said'.

B.2.- A: 'I'm not going out.' → She told me / said that she wasn't going out.
B: 'I won't help.' → She refused to help.

B.3.- Structure C is for commands and requests.

Exercise C, page 12

C.1.- False

C.2.- True

C.3.- True

Exercise 1, page 12

1.2.- She said her new housemates had just made her a cup and it was disgusting.

1.3.- She said she had been having a siesta, so she had arrived about 45 minutes late.

1.4.- She said she needs to learn more English expressions.

1.5.- She said she had been in a café the day before and it had started raining.

1.6.- She said she was going to fry fish and chips the next day.

1.7.- She said she would let Andrew know how it went.

Exercise 2, page 12

2.1.- She said she was having fish and chips with one of her new housemates.

2.2.- She said she had been looking at the menu for ages before she had chosen what fish to have.

2.3.- She said it's traditional to have salt and vinegar on fish and chips.

2.4.- She said she would send me a photo because the fish was really big.

2.5.- She said she had decided she was going to have fish and chips every week.

Exercise 3, page 13

3.1.- Louisa apologized for losing my sunglasses.

3.2.- John denied breaking my camera.

3.3.- Kylie admitted forgetting to upload the file.

3.4.- Becky promised to keep in touch.

3.5.- Harry suggested going to the cinema this week.

Exercise 4, page 13

4.1.- She ordered me not to go.

4.2.- I told you not to eat the cake.

4.3.- She told me not to open the door.

Exercise 5, page 13

5.1.- what hobbies she did.

5.2.- if / whether it was normal to say hello to strangers in my country.

5.3.- where she would like to travel to and why.

5.4.- what languages I wished I could speak.

Exercise 6, page 13

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

6.1.- I play hockey on a team and we train three times per / a week after school.

6.2.- I think it's normal to say hello to strangers in Spain. When I go to the local shop, I say hello to people and I don't know them. It's friendly.

6.3.- I would like to travel to Canada because there is incredible countryside and I want to climb the Rocky Mountains.

6.4.- I wish I could speak Latin because it's the origin of so many languages like Galician or Spanish.

Exercise 7, page 13

7.1.- Harry begged Taylor not to go (word order)

7.2.- Joey suggested watching / (that) he watch the match. (incorrect structure for reporting verbs)

7.3.- Hassan asked Tim whether he wrote a blog. (incorrect form)

7.4.- Gavin accused Leah of stealing his idea. (incorrect preposition and verb form)

7.5.- Mr Turner told us / me (or said) to arrive early for the test. (direct personal object with *tell*)

7.6.- Mohammed told John that he couldn't help him. (incorrect structure for reporting verb and incorrect verb tense)

Exercise 8, page 13

8.1.- Mike asked if Fay felt part of her local community.

8.2.- Fay replied that she does now, but she hadn't when she was younger.

8.3.- Fay told Mike that she hadn't valued her parents' culture as a child.

8.4.- Mike suggested she should / could visit her parents' hometown in China.

8.5.- Fay admitted that she had forgotten a lot of Chinese.

8.6.- Fay promised to cook for Mike.