

1 Change the direct speech in the sentences to reported speech. Use the verb say and change all time and place references.

- 'I've been reading a lot.' (Emma)
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Emma said she had been reading a lot.
- 'I'm a little bit hungry.' (Nadia)
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- 'I can't bring over my laptop until tomorrow.' (Zlatan)
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- 'We're meeting our friends in half an hour.' (Astrid)
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- 'I'll meet you here.' (Richard)
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- 'I've forgotten my swimming costume.' (Madelyn)
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- 'I didn't have time to look at your proposal.' (Edwin)
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- 'The lift wasn't working yesterday.' (Gianna)
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2 Reorder the words to make reported questions.

- Julia asked *me what time I started* work. (*what / started / time / me / I*)
- Clive asked before. (*been / if / had / us / we / there*)
- Patrick asked much. (*social media / me / use / I / if*)
- Meg asked phone calls. (*preferred / I / why*)
- Anja asked party. (*he / Simon / the / was / whether / enjoying*)
- Jack asked umbrella. (*me / an / he / where / buy / could*)
- Trudy asked visited. (*countries / us / which / we / had*)
- Andy asked come. (*like / would / whether / I / to*)

3 Change the direct speech in the sentences to reported speech. Rewrite the original verbs as gerunds or infinitives.

- 'I won't tell anyone what you said.' (Lewis)
Lewis promised *not to tell anyone what I had said.*
- 'No I did not delete any files.' (Vanessa)
Vanessa denied
- 'Why don't we send it to some influencers.' (Bill)
Bill suggested
- 'I'm sorry I shared that photo without your permission.' (Sheona)
Sheona apologised for

- 'Don't touch the frying pan.' (Kostas)
Kostas warned me
- 'Don't forget to pick up some crisps.' (Alex)
Alex reminded me

4 Cross-out the mistakes in the sentences. Write the correct words. Some sentences are correct.

-  1 Fran said she didn't go to that donut shop before.
X she hadn't been to
- 2 Kenny insisted on rewriting the blog post that night.
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- 3 Josh said me that he isn't coming.
- 4 Bea advised us to wait until the next day.
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- 5 Max asked me if that I have a phone charger.
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- 6 Sarah told to us which ingredients she needed.
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- 7 I suggested him to to add tags to his posts.
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- 8 Grace asked me if I had used the app previously.
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6 Read the conversation then complete the email below using reported speech. Change all verb tenses where necessary.

- Mum:** *'Your father and I have been talking. We think that you've been using your phone a bit too much.'*
- Cassie:** 'I'm not addicted to my phone, Mum.'
- Mum:** 'How many hours have you spent on it today?'
- Cassie:** 'It's none of your business.'
- Mum:** 'Cassie, I'll confiscate your phone if you speak to me like that.'
- Cassie:** 'Sorry. I didn't mean to be rude.'
- An hour later...

Hey Veronica,
So, I just had a chat with my mum. She said that ¹ *she and my dad had been talking* and then she told me that ² my phone too much. I denied ³ addicted to it. Then she asked me how many hours ⁴ on my phone today. I told her ⁵ business. Bad idea. She immediately said ⁶ phone if ⁷ like that. I bet you're thinking she confiscated it, and that's why I'm writing you an email? Not quite. I apologised for ⁸ rude and she let me keep the phone.

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- 2 Nadia said she was a little bit hungry.
- 3 Zlatan said he couldn't bring over his laptop until the following day/the next day.
- 4 Astrid said they were meeting their friends half an hour later.
- 5 Richard said he would meet me there.
- 6 Madelyn said she had forgotten her swimming costume.
- 7 Edwin said he hadn't had time to look at my proposal.
- 8 Gianna said the lift hadn't been working the day before/the previous day.

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- 2 us if we had been there before
- 3 me if I use social media much
- 4 why I preferred phone calls
- 5 whether Simon was enjoying the party
- 6 me where he could buy an umbrella
- 7 us which countries we had visited
- 8 whether I would like to come

3

- 2 Vanessa denied deleting/having deleted any files.
- 3 Bill suggested sending it to some influencers.
- 4 Sheona apologised for sharing that photo without my permission.
- 5 Kostas warned me not to touch the frying pan.
- 6 Alex reminded me to pick up some crisps.

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- 2 ✓
- 3 Josh told me / Josh said to me... (*isn't* can change to *wasn't/wouldn't be* but is correct).
- 4 ✓
- 5 Max asked me if I had... (*have* would sound strange because the situation refers to *at that moment*)
- 6 Sarah told us
- 7 I suggested adding tags / that he add tags...
- 8 ✓

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- 2 I had been using
- 3 denied being
- 4 I had spent
- 5 it was none of her
- 6 she would confiscate my
- 7 I spoke to her
- 8 being