

1 Rewrite the sentences as reported speech. Change all time and place markers. In two of the sentences, the verbs do not change tense.

- 'I handed the assignment in yesterday.' (Liam)
Liam said he had handed his assignment in the day before.
- 'I'll help you tomorrow.' (Nancy)
Nancy promised that
- 'I can't finish my spaghetti.' (Irene)
Irene said
- 'The boys next to me were cheating.' (Ahmet)
After the test, Ahmet informed me that
- 'I can't eat peanuts because I'm allergic to them.' (Olaf)
Olaf said
- 'I've just been offered a new job.' (Vilma)
Vilma told everyone that
- 'I'm going to stay here until April.' (Hannah)
Hannah announced that
- 'Telling lies is a waste of time.' (Russell)
Russell reckons that

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Then rewrite the sentences as impersonal reporting statements with the verbs in brackets.

biodegrade exceed final ~~forgery~~
lied military shrink threat

- Experts think that the painting is a forgery. (think)
The painting is thought to be a forgery.
- Everyone knows that plastics take years to (know)
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- We believe that the brothers are working for the (believe)
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- Scientists don't think that these particular snakes are a to humans. (not consider)
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- Most people think Kasatkina will win the (expect)
.....
- News reports say that the manager about his qualifications. (report)
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- We think that the forest will by 20% in the next five years. (predict)
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- We don't think temperatures tomorrow will 38°C. (not expect)
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3 Correct the mistakes in the sentences. Some sentences are correct.

- Enrique refused ~~answering~~ the teacher's question.
X Enrique refused to answer the...
- Would you recommend to buy the tickets in advance?
- It believes that the book belonged to Henry VIII.
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- Nobody said me what time was starting the meeting.
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- Kareem admitted having had help doing his project.
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- The tournament doesn't expect to take more than six hours.
- Delia asked to me to edit her new video.
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- Saul warned us not to pack too many things for the trip.

4 Complete the text with the appropriate form of the verbs in the box.

attend have hear make not know
not want read ~~report~~

Nat Tate was an American artist who ¹ was reported (report) to have jumped to his death from the Staten Island Ferry in 1960. In 1998, author William Boyd, published a book about Tate's life, and invited several art critics and celebrities ² (attend) a big party to launch the book. Nobody at the party claimed to know Tate very well, but nobody admitted ³ (not know) who Tate was. But in fact every guest who said they ⁴ (hear) of Tate was lying, because the artist Nat Tate never existed. It was all a hoax, made up by Boyd. ⁵ (make) the hoax more credible, Boyd had asked David Bowie ⁶ (read) parts of the book aloud at the party. All the guests listened and, ⁷ (not want) to appear foolish, commented what a sad life Nat Tate ⁸ (have). The story made headlines worldwide.

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- 2 she would help me the following day / the next day.
- 3 (that) she couldn't finish her spaghetti.
- 4 the boys next to him had been cheating.
- 5 he can't eat peanuts because he's allergic to them.
- 6 she'd been just offered a new job.
- 7 she was going to stay there until April.
- 8 telling lies is a waste of time.

2

- 2 Plastics are known to take years to biodegrade.
- 3 The brothers are believed to be working for the military.
- 4 These particular snakes are not considered to be a threat to humans.
- 5 Kasatkina is expected to win the final.
- 6 The manager is reported to have lied about his qualifications.
- 7 The forest is predicted to shrink by 20% in the next five years.
- 8 Temperatures tomorrow are not expected to exceed 38°C.

3

- 2 X ...recommend **buying** the...
- 3 X It **is believed** that the book...
- 4 X Nobody **told** me what time **the meeting was starting**.
- 5 ✓
- 6 X ...tournament **isn't expected** to take...
- 7 X - Delia **asked me to**...
- 8 ✓

4

- 2 to attend
- 3 not knowing
- 4 had heard
- 5 To make
- 6 to read
- 7 not wanting
- 8 had had