

### 1 Decide if the sentences are direct speech (D) or reported speech (R).

- 1 Mike said he was reading an interesting e-book. R
- 2 I want you to write a note for mum. ....
- 3 You can help me put stickers on the parcels. ....
- 4 Dad told us he was coming home late. ....
- 5 They said Stevie was designing the poster. ....
- 6 We aren't playing tennis after school. ....

### 2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 Dad *told* / said my cousin could speak three languages.
- 2 The teacher told us that our exam results *are* / *were* excellent.
- 3 George said he *was* / *is* preparing a CV to apply for the part-time job at the supermarket.
- 4 We told them we *would* / *will* call when we *arrive* / *arrived*.
- 5 Jenny *told* / *said* me that she *will* / *would* write a notice to let everyone know about the new times.
- 6 They said they *couldn't* / *can't* join us at the park because their granddad *is* / *was* visiting.

### 3 Correct the mistakes in bold in each sentence.

- 1 He said he **will give** me the brochure to read. ...would give...
- 2 I asked Kerry for the note, but she's lost it! She said it **can** be anywhere. ....
- 3 Our teacher told us that a graphic designer **will come** to our school to talk about web design. ....
- 4 The editor said my article **is** the best in the magazine. ....
- 5 Anya **said me** that she enjoyed reading my short story. ....
- 6 My parents told me **they're getting** me a new bike for my birthday. ....

### 4 Complete the reported speech with the correct form of *say* or *tell* and the verbs in brackets.

- 1 He told us we could open the window if we were hot. (be)
- 2 The headmaster ..... we ..... have a day off school for the town celebrations. (will)
- 3 She ..... she ..... a film review. (write)
- 4 I ..... my parents that I ..... to go on the school trip to Scotland. (want)
- 5 Alice ..... Maria that she ..... come to her birthday party. (can not)
- 6 The notice ..... that the school fete ..... cancelled because of the rain. (be)

### 5 Rewrite the sentences in Activity 1 as direct speech or reported speech.

- 1 'I'm *reading an interesting e-book*.'
- 2 She said she .....
- 3 He said that I .....
- 4 'I .....
- 5 'Stevie .....
- 6 They said .....

### 6 Rewrite what the teacher said to the students about their class project.

- '<sup>1</sup> We're going to do a class project about our favourite books. <sup>2</sup> You will write a review of your favourite book. <sup>3</sup> I want you to design a poster for the book, too. <sup>4</sup> The class can vote for the best design. <sup>5</sup> And the best review is going to feature on the school blog.'
- 1 Mr Cole told us we were going to do a class project about our favourite books.
  - 2 He said .....
  - 3 He also said .....
  - 4 He .....
  - 5 He .....

### 1

- 1 R
- 2 D
- 3 D
- 4 R
- 5 R
- 6 D

### 2

- 1 *said*
- 2 *were*
- 3 *was*
- 4 *would, arrived*
- 5 *told, would*
- 6 *couldn't, was*

### 3

- 1 *would give*
- 2 *could*
- 3 *would come*
- 4 *was*
- 5 *told me*
- 6 *they were getting*

### 4

- 1 *told, were*
- 2 *said, would*
- 3 *said, was writing*
- 4 *told, wanted*
- 5 *told, couldn't*
- 6 *said, was / would be*

### 5

- 1 *'I'm reading an interesting e-book.'*
- 2 She said she wanted me to write a note for mum.
- 3 He said that I could help him put stickers on the parcels.
- 4 *'I'm coming home late.'*
- 5 *'Stevie is designing the poster.'*
- 6 They said they weren't playing tennis after school.

### 6

- 1 *Mr Cole told us we were going to do a class project about our favourite books.*
- 2 He said (that) we would write a review of our favourite book.
- 3 He also said (that) he wanted us to design a poster for the book.
- 4 He told us / said (that) the class could vote for the best design.
- 5 He told us / said (that) the best review was going to feature on the school blog.