

### 1 Put the verbs into direct speech.

- Pat said he would meet us outside the cinema.  
'I will meet you outside the cinema,' Pat said.
- The actress said she could play this role.  
'I ..... this role,' the actress said.
- The director announced they were writing the sequel.  
'We ..... the sequel,' the director announced.
- He said he had never met a better actor.  
'I ..... a better actor,' he said.
- She said she had acted in the theatre as a child.  
'I ..... in the theatre as a child,' she said.
- The critic thought it was a great film, but it wouldn't win an Oscar.  
'It ..... a great film, but it ..... an Oscar,' the critic said.

### 2 Complete the sentences with a reporting verb in the correct tense.

announce demand explain insist suggest

- 'No, really. You *have* to come!' – He insisted that I come.
- 'Give me the book now.' – She ..... that I give her the book.
- 'We're getting married!' – They ..... that they were getting married.
- 'The machine's not working, sorry.' – He ..... that the machine wasn't working.
- 'Why don't we watch a film tonight?' – She ..... that we watch a film tonight.

### 3 Write the direct speech as reported speech. Remember to change the verb tense.

- 'I love being on film sets.'
  - 'I've seen *Jaws* 20 times.'
  - 'I'm reading a book about Marilyn Monroe.'
  - 'I'll produce but not direct the sequel.'
  - 'People can stream thousands of films at home.'
  - 'I saw a great documentary.'
- She said ..... *she loved being on film sets* .....
  - He told me .....
  - My friend said .....
  - Mr Nolan said .....
  - The company said .....
  - She told me .....

### 4 Find and correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- Later my cousin say me that he wanted to watch it too. told me / said to me
- He told me he is staying in Athens for a few days last week.
- She explained she was late yesterday because there is a strike on the underground.
- He didn't answer the phone because he said he was in a meeting and he can't speak.
- You don't tell me you got a job. Congratulations!
- She didn't come to to the cinema because she has an exam the next day.

### 5 Look at the sentences in direct speech from the girl's teacher, Ms Pruitt. Complete the text below using reported speech.

- 'You can work ...'  
'...you have never made ...'  
'It doesn't matter ...'  
'... you want to.'  
'You're going to make ...'  
'... will be shown ...'  
'... is to have ...'

Ten days later:

My English teacher, Ms Pruitt, told us last week <sup>1</sup> we were going to make a short film. She explained that <sup>2</sup> ..... if <sup>3</sup> ..... never ..... a film before, the important thing <sup>4</sup> ..... fun. She said <sup>5</sup> ..... in groups if <sup>6</sup> ....., so my friend Natasha and I made a three-minute-long suspense/drama film called *The Lighthouse*. Ms Pruitt said that the best films <sup>7</sup> ..... on a projector in the school theatre at the end of term. I hope ours gets chosen!

### 1

- 1 *will meet*
- 2 can play
- 3 are writing
- 4 have never met
- 5 acted
- 6 is, won't win

### 2

- 1 *insisted*
- 2 demanded
- 3 announced
- 4 explained
- 5 suggested

### 3

- 1 ... *she loved being on film sets.*
- 2 ... he had seen *Jaws* 20 times.
- 3 ... he/she was reading a book about Marilyn Monroe.
- 4 ... he would produce but not direct the sequel.
- 5 ... people could stream thousands of films at home.
- 6 ... she had seen a great documentary.

### 4

- 1 *told me / said to me*
- 2 he **was** staying
- 3 there **was**
- 4 he **couldn't**
- 5 **didn't** tell me
- 6 she **had**

### 5

- 1 *we were going to make*
- 2 it didn't matter
- 3 we had never made
- 4 was to have
- 5 we could work
- 6 we wanted to
- 7 would be shown

(*will be shown* is also valid for gap 7 since 'the end of term' is still a future event at the time of reporting.)