

1 Underline the correct tenses in the direct speech.

- Pat said he would meet us outside the cinema.
'I will meet / meet you outside the cinema,' Pat said.
- The actress said she could play this role.
'I am playing / can play this role,' the actress said.
- The director announced they were writing the sequel.
'We 're going to write / 're writing the sequel,' the director announced.
- He said he had never met a better actor.
'I have never met / don't meet a better actor,' he said.
- She said she had acted in the theatre as a child.
'I have acted / acted in the theatre as a child,' she said.
- The critic thought it was a great film, but it wouldn't win an Oscar.
'It isn't / is a great film, but it won'ts win / hasn't won an Oscar,' the critic said.

2 Choose the correct reporting verb.

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

3 Complete the indirect speech with the verb in the correct 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 he had seen *Jaws* 20 times.
 - My friend said she was reading a book about Marilyn Monroe.
 - Mr Nolan said he would produce but not direct the sequel.
 - The company said people could stream thousands of films at home.
 - She told me she had seen a great documentary.

4 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.
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- She explained she was late yesterday because **there is** a strike on the underground.
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- He didn't answer the phone because he said he was in a meeting and he **can't speak**.
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- 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.
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5 Look at the direct speech of the teacher, Ms Pruitt, and complete the text below using reported speech.

Ms Pruitt: 'OK everyone. You're going to make a short film. It doesn't matter if you have never made a film before. The important thing is to have fun. You can work in groups if you want to. The best films will be shown on a projector in the school theatre at the end of term.'

Ten days later:

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

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- 1 *will meet*
- 2 can play
- 3 're 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 *loved*
- 2 had seen
- 3 was reading
- 4 would produce
- 5 could stream
- 6 had seen

4

- 1 *told me or said to me*
- 2 was staying
- 3 there was
- 4 couldn't speak
- 5 didn't tell me
- 6 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
- 7 would be shown