

Reported speech

1 Choose the correct option, A, B or C.

- 1 'I've never seen this film before,' Tom said.

Tom said he __ that film before.

A had never seen **B** never saw **C** has never seen

- 2 'We're watching TV in the living room,' Anna said.

Anna said they __ TV in the living room.

A watch **B** watched **C** were watching

- 3 'Do you want to go to the cinema tonight?' asked May.

May asked __ to go to the cinema that night.

A did I want **B** if I wanted **C** whether I want

- 4 'They'll be waiting for us at the theatre,' said Dave.

Dave said they __ for us at the theatre.

A will be waiting **B** are waiting **C** would be waiting

- 5 'Can you get some popcorn?' he asked.

He asked me __ some popcorn.

A if I can get **B** can I get **C** whether I could get

2 Look at some lines from films and rewrite them in reported speech.

- 1 'I won't be back!'

Terry was angry and he said _____.

- 2 'I can't believe it! Did you forget my birthday today, Mum?'

She said _____ and asked her mum _____.

- 3 'Sit down and eat your dinner, Kenny!'

Kenny's dad told him _____.

- 4 'This isn't my family!'

Mike looked at the strangers in his living room and said _____.

- 5 'I don't understand. Where are you going?'

Jo looked at the suitcases, said _____ and asked Ian _____.

- 6 'Don't touch my drums!'

Dan told Max _____.

3 Think of a film you know well and write a few things that a character said using reported speech.

Name of film: _____

Character: _____

He/She said ...

Answer key

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1 A

2 C

3 B

4 C

5 C

2

1 (that) he wouldn't be back

2 (that) she couldn't believe it, if/whether she had forgotten her birthday that day

3 to sit down and eat his dinner

4 (that) that wasn't his family

5 (that) she didn't understand, where he was going

6 not to touch his drums

3

Model answer

Name of film: *Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga*

Character: Lars Ericksson

He said he had always wanted to win Eurovision and that the contest was his life.

His father thought he was silly and Lars told his friend that his father was ashamed of him.

But that didn't stop him. He told everyone he and his partner Sigrid were going to win the contest for Iceland.

He said they would make their country famous.