**Reported (or indirect) speech: Activity 1**

Read Grammar Bank 12B. Then write the sentences in reported speech. Listen and check.

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| 1.  "I love you."   He told her that he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  2.  "I'm hungry."   Ana said that she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  3.  "I'll call the doctor."   He said he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  4.  "I've bought a new phone."   Paul told us that he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  5.  "I live downtown."   She said that she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  6.  "We can't do it."   They said that they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  7.  "I saw a great movie."  Julie said that she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  8.  "I don't like dogs."   Ben told her he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |

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| **1.**  He told her that he was a doctor.      He said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ." **2.**  She said that she was studying Spanish.      She said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." **3.**  Pedro told me that his car had broken down.      Pedro said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." **4.**  Paula said that she would send me an email.      Paual said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." **5.** Wei and Joon said they were in a hurry.      Wei and Joon said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." **6.** He said he hadn't finished his essay yet.      He said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." **7.** She told us that she wouldn't arrive on time.      She said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." **8.**  David said he had just arrived in Toronto.      David said: "\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_." |  |

***say* or *tell*? Activity 1**

Choose the correct answers. Listen and check.

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| * 1. She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_that she had been at a friend's house. * told * said   1. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_me that he wasn't happy. * told * said   1. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them we wouldn't be home for lunch. * told * said   1. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they were getting married. * told * said   1. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me he didn't have a girlfriend. * told * said   1. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that we had to do exercise 5 for homework. * told * said   1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you that the movie started at 7:30. * told * said   1. Julio \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he was busy. * told * said |  |

***say* or *tell*? Activity 2**

Complete the sentences with the correct form of *say* or *tell*. Then listen and check.

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| 1.  "I have a problem," Ana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  2.  Ana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us that she had a problem.  3.  Lisa \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that she was starting a new job.  4.  He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the teacher that he'd left his homework at home.  5.  His teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that he didn't believe him.  6.  Can you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Mark that I can't meet him tonight?  7.  What did you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to her?  8.  When I was a child, I didn't \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_hello to people I didn't know. |  |

**Double consonants**

Listen and write the two missing words. Then listen and repeat.

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| **Quick tips**  **Double consonants**  The vowel sound before a double consonant is normally short when it is the stressed syllable,e.g., gossip /ɑ/, luggage /ʌ/, written /ɪ/, happy /æ/, and letter /ɛ/.  Double consonants are usually pronounced the same as single consonants, e.g., pp = /p/. |

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| 1.  **clock /ɑ/**   gossip college opposite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 2.  **up /ʌ/**  hurry funny runner \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 3.  **fish /ɪ/**   written miss bitten \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 4.  **cat /æ/**   happy married accident \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| 5.  **egg /ɛ/**  letter leggings message \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

**Gossip: Activity 1**Listen to two people discussing a survey. Choose the correct answers.

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| 1. The survey is about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .   * what kind of people gossip * where people gossip * why people gossip   2. The two speakers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   * friends * strangers * colleagues   3. They find the results of the survey \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   * annoying * surprising * worrying |  |

**Gossip: Activity 2**  
Listen to the conversation again. Write T (true) or F (false). You can read the audio script to help you.

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| **Audio Script**  **Alan** Who do you think gossips more, Jessica? Men or women?  **Jessica** Well, I gossip a lot with my female colleagues at work, so I suppose that women are the biggest gossips. What do you think?  **Alan** Yes, that’s what I thought too, but it says here that it’s actually men who are the biggest gossips. That’s what the results of this survey say, anyway.  **Jessica** What survey?  **Alan** This one here in the newspaper. It says the survey was carried out by a telecommunications company. They wanted to do research into gossiping for a new service they’re offering. The aim of the survey was to find out what kind of people enjoy gossiping, and how much time they spend doing it.  **Jessica** So what did they find out?  **Alan** Well, they had a big surprise. The study showed that a fifth of the men they interviewed said they spent at least three hours a day gossiping.  **Jessica**  Wow! That’s a lot! And where do they usually gossip?  **Alan** Most of them said they usually gossiped at work. Hang on … I can give you the exact figures. Yes, 55 per cent of the men said they gossiped at work compared to 46 per cent of the women.  **Jessica** Goodness! I didn’t realize men had so much to say! Did they tell the researchers what they usually talked about?  **Alan** Yes. They said that their main topics of conversation were their women colleagues, and who in the company would get the next promotion.  **Jessica**  The part about women colleagues doesn’t surprise me in the least. So, what about the women in the survey? Did they say what they talked about?  **Alan** Yes, they did. They told the researchers that they talked about the problems they were having in their families. They also chatted about what was happening in their favorite TV series.  **Jessica**  OK. So what about you, Alan? Do you ever gossip at work?  **Alan** What? Me? No, never! I wouldn’t dream of it! |

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| 1.  Jessica and Alan both think that women gossip more than men.  \_\_\_\_  2.  According to the survey, Jessica and Alan are right. \_\_\_\_  3.  The survey was done by a newspaper. \_\_\_\_  4.  Nobody was surprised by the results of the survey. \_\_\_\_  5.  Over 50% of the men in the survey said that they gossiped at work. \_\_\_\_  6.  Less than 50% of the women said that they gossiped. \_\_\_\_  7.  The men in the survey talked about topics related to work. \_\_\_\_  8.  The woman talked about their male colleagues. \_\_\_\_ |  |