

1. Complete each sentence in reported speech.

Example: Let me help you.

My friend offered to help me.

- 1 'Why don't we go for a walk?'
She suggested
- 2 'I wasn't anywhere near the scene of the crime.'
The accused claimed
- 3 'This spot is the best place for a picnic.'
My father said
- 4 'The swallows return every spring and fly
past my window.'
She explained
- 5 'Can you answer the phone? I'm having a
shower!'
He asked his son
- 6 'I gave you my homework last week.'
The boy insisted
- 7 'Could you come and pick me up from
school today, dad?'
Billy asked
- 8 'If I were you, I wouldn't drink so much.'
He advised his friend
- 9 'I won't help you because you didn't help
me.'
a Joan said
- 10 'I'll bring it back tomorrow.'
a He said
- b He promised

2. Read the following text carefully. Some of the lines are correct but in the others there is a word which should not be there. If the sentence is correct, tick (✓) it. If there is an incorrect word in the sentence, write it at the end in the space provided. The first two are given as examples.

A JOB INTERVIEW

- I think the interview went well. He wanted to know whether a number of things about me and what I had been doing
- 1 in the last few years. First, he asked me if I have had had
 - 2 a nice trip down from Manchester and how long it
 - 3 had been taken me to get there. He also wanted to know
 - 4 whether or it had been snowing in Manchester. The chitchat
 - 5 over, he asked from me how old I was and where I was born
 - 6 although I had sent him my CV by post. He then asked
 - 7 how long I had I lived in Manchester and I told him. His
 - 8 next question was the whether I was married and whether I had
 - 9 a family or not. I explained him that I was separated and that
 - 10 I had one daughter. He asked me how long did I had worked as an
 - 11 editor and how much I was had being paid in my present job. He
 - 12 asked me what was I liked most about my job and who had told me
 - 13 about their company. The main questions he asked me were about the
 - 14 qualities of a good manager. Finally, he asked how much have
 - 15 I expected to be paid. I think the interview went very well.

2. Fill in each space with a suitable form of a verb from the list. You can use some verbs more than once.

say tell speak talk discuss persuade
give convince deny turn down

- 1 A: People that he's been all round the world.
B: Yes, he's always about his travels.
- 2 A: He was us another one of his stories.
B: Does he ever the truth?
- 3 A: Rose is brilliant at jokes.
B: I hope we can her to tell us some tonight.
- 4 A: Why don't you ask the doctor to you a second opinion?
B: Yes, I ought to to someone else about it.
- 5 A: Doctor, they it's urgent.
B: Very well, them I'm on my way.
- 6 A: They the Prime Minister will be about the new law in Parliament today.
B: I wonder what he's going to this time.
- 7 A: You me you were at the pub last night.
B: What are you about?
- 8 A: I believe what he
B: I don't. I am he's been lies.
- 9 A: You him some good advice about his interview.
B: But he didn't get the job. I wonder why he was?
- 10 A: You can't that you Kate my secret.
B: No, I didn't. But it seems I can't you. Maybe we can this later.

4. Match the first part (1-10) with an appropriate reporting verb (a-j).

- 1 'If you do that again, I'll leave.'
a she whispered.
- 2 'I'm now going to read out the results.'
b he answered.
- 3 'Could you bring me the wine list?'
c she shouted.
- 4 'Of course, I'll bring it right away.'
d she threatened.
- 5 'Our team will easily beat yours.'
e she announced.
- 6 'Please give me another chance.'
f he claimed.
- 7 'Shhh! The baby's sleeping.'
g he asked.
- 8 'I'm innocent of all the charges.'
h she begged.
- 9 'First of all, you press the button.'
i he boasted.
- 10 'Careful! The water's deep.'
j he explained.