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Telling it like it is

Reported speech • Ways of speaking • You know what they say

 My hero

Answers

"I'm a student."

"What are you doing in Miami?"

"I arrived on Monday."

Answers

"I think she works in an office."

"I know I've seen her somewhere before."

"I wonder if she'll call me."

Answers

Jack Neal is a three-year-old boy. He bought a car on eBay.

Jack's father contacted the seller, who agreed to readvertise the car.

Answers and audio script



I read it in the papers ...

A three-year-old boy used his mother's computer to buy a \$15,000 car on the Internet auction site eBay.

Jack Neal's parents only discovered their son's successful bid when they received a message from the website.

The message said they (1) **had bought** a pink Nissan Figaro.

Mrs. Neal, 36, said that they (2) **couldn't understand** it. She (3) **had been** on the Internet the day before, but (4) **hadn't bought** anything.

"Jack kept telling us that he (5) **was** so happy, and that we (6) **would** soon get a big surprise."

Mrs. Neal, from Houston, Texas, thought Jack (7) **was joking**. He often used the computer, and she was pretty sure that he (8) **knew** her password.

Her husband, John, 37, called the seller of the car, and explained that there (9) **had been** a mistake.

"Fortunately, he saw the funny side and said he (10) **would advertise** the car again."

Mr. Neal has told Jack to be more careful, and he has asked his wife to change her password.

Answers

Mr. Neal has told Jack to be more careful.

He has asked his wife to change her password.

Answers and audio script



1. Mrs. Neal said her son was very clever.

2. She told me he usually played computer games.

3. His father explained that he had bought the computer for his work.

4. Mrs. Neal decided that she wouldn't use eBay anymore.

5. Jack said he didn't know how it had happened.

6. He told reporters that he had always liked computers.

7. His mother asked Jack to clean up his room.

8. His father told him to go and play soccer.

Answers and audio script



Man throws away \$30,000 in town center

A mystery man started a riot in a busy town center yesterday by hurling \$30,000 into the air.

Traffic was stopped at 11:00 a.m. as money rained down from the sky.

Local store clerk Anthony Jones, 55, said, "I couldn't understand it, so I asked my neighbor (1) **what was happening**." They saw people on their hands and knees grabbing money. "No one knew (2) **where the money came from**," he said. "They were just stuffing it in their pockets."

Passerby Eleanor Morris said, "I wondered (3) **if there had been an accident**, because the traffic was at a complete standstill."

Florist Jane Thomas saw the man, who was wearing a red shirt. "I asked him (4) **why he was giving away all his money**, but he didn't answer. He just laughed."

Police asked Jane if she (5) **knew the man**. "I told them I'd never seen him before. He certainly wasn't from around here."

The police confirmed that a local forty-year-old man had been questioned. "He refused to tell us (6) **why he'd done it**," a spokesman said, "so it's a complete mystery. He wanted to know if we (7) **were going to arrest him**, but giving away money isn't against the law."

Answers

She told me **she had seen the movie before**.

She was sure **I would like it**.

Answers

In the first sentence **tell** means *say*, in the second sentence it means *order*.

Answers

She asked me **how long I was staying**.

She wanted to know if **I knew Mike**.

Answers and audio script

They asked me where I was going.

They asked me where I had been.

They wanted to know if I lived in the area.

They wondered how old I was.

They demanded to know if I had been with friends.

They asked if I could remember what time I had left home.



A: I was coming home from the gym the other night and I was stopped by the police.

B: Were you? Did they ask you a lot of questions?

A: They certainly did. They asked me where I was going and where I'd been, and they wanted to know if I lived in the area.

B: Were you scared?

A: You bet!

B: What else did they ask?

A: Well, they wondered how old I was, and they wanted to know if I'd been with friends.

B: Huh! I'm glad I wasn't with you.

A: They also asked if I could remember when I'd left home.

B: Do you know why they were asking all this?

A: No idea. They wouldn't tell me.

Possible answers and audio script



- A Bill's coming to the party tonight.
B Really? I thought you said he wasn't feeling well.
- A I'm making dinner for Joe tonight.
B I didn't know you could cook!
- A Oh, no! I spilled ketchup on my white shirt!
B I told you to be careful. I knew you'd do that.
- A Did you get me something to eat?
B Sorry. I didn't realize you were here. What would you like?
- A I'm 25 today!
B Are you? I didn't know it was your birthday. Hope you have a great day!
- A Oh, no! It's raining!
B Really? But the weather forecast said it was going to be a nice day.
- A You left the doors and windows of the apartment open this morning.
B I'm sorry. I was pretty sure I'd closed all the doors and windows.
- A Where did Tom go last night?
B I have no idea where he went.

Possible answers

- What qualifications do you have?
- Do you have any computing skills?
- Do you speak any foreign languages?
- What are your main strengths and weaknesses?
- Have you ever managed a team?
- What is your current salary?
- Why did you leave your last job?
- Did you travel a lot in your last job?

Audio script



They wanted to know how old I was.
They asked me what I was doing at the moment.
They asked me how much I was earning.
They asked where I'd worked before.
They asked me if I liked working in a team.
They wanted to know when I could start!

Answers

2.f 3.d 4.a 5.h 6.g 7.b 8.c

Answers and audio script



1. She asked me to help her.
2. He reminded her to mail the letter.
3. She promised to study hard for her exams.
4. He invited me to his party.
5. She encouraged me to travel.
6. He offered to give me a lift to the airport.
7. He persuaded me to apply for the job.
8. She explained that she'd been very busy.

Possible answers and audio script

2. He didn't say he'd gotten the job as manager. He said he'd gotten the job of assistant manager.
3. Caroline didn't say Mike couldn't have a turn. She told Ben to let Mike have a turn. She explained that he had to learn to share his toys.
4. Sue didn't ask James to meet her outside the theater at 7:45. She asked him to meet her inside the theater at 7:45.
5. Tom didn't offer to fix Sue's computer. He said he wasn't an expert. He didn't ask for \$130. He said he would do it for nothing.



1. Merinda calling Jenny.
A. Can I speak to Jenny, please?
B. I'm afraid she isn't here right now. Who's calling?
A. This is Merinda, from work. Could you give her a message?
B. Sure.
A. Can you ask her to call me as soon as she's back? It's very important.
B. I'll give her your message.

2. Peter is talking to his boss.
A. Currently, we can offer you the job as Assistant Manager. I hope that's acceptable. The salary is \$50,000 a year.
B. That's fine. I'll take the job.
A. There's a possibility of promotion in the next six months, if everything works out.
B. Great!
3. Caroline is talking to her son, Ben.
A. Now, Ben, you can play on the bike for a bit, but then you have to let Mike have a turn. OK? You have to learn to share your toys.
B. OK, Mom.
4. Sue leaving a message for James.
This is a message for James. It's Sue here. I got movie tickets for 8:00, so I'll see you inside the theater at about 7:45. Hope that's OK. See you later.
5. Tom is talking to Sue.
A. I'll look at your computer for you, but I can't promise to fix it. I'm not an expert.
B. Will you charge me for it?
A. Don't be silly. Of course not. I'll do it for nothing.

Answers

To: GillardBobKendall@lightspeed.net Attachment: GoodbyeUSA.jpg
Subject: Hello from Valeria

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kendall

I've been home now for two weeks, but I had to start work immediately, so this is the first time that it's been possible for me to write. How are you all? Are you busy as usual? Is Tim still working hard for his exam next month? I miss you a lot and also all my friends from Boston. :-)

Yesterday I received an e-mail from my Mexican friend, Carla, and she told me about some of the other people I met. She said that Aruko and Yuki are going to write to me from Japan. I am lucky because I made so many good friends while I was in the U.S. It was really interesting for me to meet people from so many different countries. I think that we not only improved our English (I hope so!) but we also got to know/met people from all over the world, and this is important.

My family is fine. They had a good summer vacation at the beach. We are all very excited because my brother is getting/going to get married in December, and we like his girlfriend very much. They have been looking for an apartment in the city, but it is not easy to find one. If they don't find one soon, they will have to stay here with us.

Could you please check something for me? I can't find my red scarf. I think I might have left it in the closet in my bedroom.

Please write soon. My family sends best wishes to you all. I hope I can come back next year. Staying with you was a really wonderful experience for me. Thank you for everything, and excuse my mistakes. I've already forgotten many/a lot of words.

Love and best wishes to you all,
Valeria xx

P.S. I hope you like the attached photo. It's nice, isn't it?
It's the one you took when I was leaving!

Answers

good idea: *suggest, advise, recommend*
disagreeing: *argue, fight, quarrel*
social: *talk, chat, gossip*
volume: *shout, whisper, scream*
in a court of law: *admit, accuse, deny*
expressing dislike: *complain, protest, criticize*
giving commands: *tell, order, demand*

Possible answers

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| 1. chat, talk | 5. complain |
| 2. fight, argue | 6. scream |
| 3. shout | 7. protest |
| 4. admit, deny | 8. suggest, recommend |

Answers

1. I talk to my kids about everything.
2. My boss criticizes me for my work.
3. I agree with you about most things, but not politics.
4. I discuss everything with my wife.
5. People love gossiping about celebrities.
6. The teacher accused me of cheating on the test.

Possible answers

My mother advised me to think carefully before I made a decision.
The teacher told the students to work harder.
My doctor persuaded me to do more exercise.
My friends suggested that we go out for ice cream.
I admitted that the teacher had been right.
My brother complained that the class was boring.

Answers

1. Elvis Presley
2. Susan B. Anthony
3. Galileo Galilei
4. Confucius

Answers

Galileo Galilei

1. The 16th and 17th centuries.
2. Science.
3. 1633, when he was found guilty of heresy. He spent the last years of his life imprisoned in his own home.
4. His ideas were opposed because they were considered dangerous by the Church.
5. He said that the truth is easy to understand when you have found it, but the point is to discover the truth yourself.
His opponents said that his ideas were wrong, ridiculous, and against the Bible.

Susan B. Anthony

1. The 19th century.
2. Politics.
3. 1872, when she voted in the election even though it was illegal.
4. Her ideas were opposed because people believed that women were incapable of rational thought.
5. She said that there will never be complete equality until women can help to elect lawmakers.
Her opponents said that a woman doesn't have time for politics because she should be taking care of her household.
Her opponents said that the suffragettes were hysterical and unreasonable and were not doing their duty as wives and mothers.

Confucius

1. The 6th century BCE.
2. Philosophy.
3. 484 BCE, when he returned to his native state in extreme poverty and spent his last years writing.
4. His critics feared that Confucius's thoughts might lead to chaos and rejection of the ruling system.
5. He said that what you don't want done to yourself, you shouldn't do to others.
They said that when people think relationships are more important than the law, the government will fall apart.

Elvis Presley

1. The 20th century.
2. Popular music.
3. 1956, when he arrived on the pop scene and changed attitudes to music, sex, language, and fashion.
4. His ideas were opposed because he made teenagers want to be different from their parents, and parents thought this was dangerous.
5. He said that he couldn't help moving to rock and roll when he heard it.
His opponents said that he wasn't a very good singer or musician, and he would soon be forgotten.

Answers

Galileo Galilei

1. He encouraged people to think in a scientific way.
2. The idea that the earth was the center of the universe, and the sun revolved around it.
3. People started to look at the world in a more scientific way.

Susan B. Anthony

1. She helped get women the right to vote.
2. The idea that women cannot think rationally and should stay at home.
3. Women got the vote and began to achieve other rights.

Confucius

1. He influenced thinkers worldwide.
2. He believed that happiness, good, and peace would replace misery, corruption, and war.
3. His thinking influenced the development of democratic governments thousands of years later.

Elvis Presley

1. He made rock 'n' roll music popular.
2. The idea that teenagers should be just like their parents.
3. The modern teenager was born, and other rock 'n' roll singers and groups became popular.

Answers and audio script

Part 1

1. He's been in the music business for 20 years; he performs sell-out concerts to 50,000 people. He's had problems with his family; he's been in trouble with the law.
2. He was in a rehab clinic.
3. Most of the time he doesn't mind media attention. He says it's nice that people want to know all about him, but he doesn't like it when it gets too much.
4. He says that some reporters try to tell the truth, but most of them make up stories to sell their newspapers.

Part 2

5.

	What did they say about him?	What did he say?
reporters	his career was finished; he'd never sing again	he's just recorded a new album
ex-friends	his marriage was breaking up; he had an argument with his brother about money and they weren't speaking to each other	his marriage is fine; he and his wife just celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary; he gets along fine with his brother
police officers	they thought he had a nervous breakdown	he'd been working all day and he was exhausted
Barbara James	he hadn't paid her for six months, and he made her work seven days a week without a break	it broke his heart when Barbara said those things; he treated her like family; when he met her she was nothing, and he gave her everything; none of what she says is true

6. He says he checked into a clinic for a month because he was suffering from exhaustion.

Part 3

7. He has become a Buddhist and stopped eating meat. He spends four hours a day meditating. He's going to give half his future income to charity.
8. He's decided that life is too short, and he's getting old. He doesn't care what people think. He's made up his mind to do something useful with his life.
9. He/She refused to read the story about Jamie's lifestyle change because there were much more serious stories that deserved attention, and Jamie was just a celebrity.
10. He can't control what the press says about him. He has to be true to himself. He lives his life as honestly as he can, and he tries to be nice to everyone. If you're in the public eye, then you have to be prepared to have bad things said about you. He knows what's true about him and what's a lie, but he can't change what is in the newspapers and on TV.



An interview with Jamie Seabrook

I = Interviewer J = Jamie

Part 1

- I: And now for my final guest. He's a singer and songwriter who's been in the music business for twenty years. He still performs sell-out concerts in front of fifty thousand people. But his life hasn't all been easy. He's had problems with his family, and he's been in trouble with the law. And he's just completed a month's rehab in a clinic in Texas. He's never out of the headlines ... Please welcome Jamie Seabrook!
- J: Hello, good evening.
- I: Now, Jamie, you are in the newspapers and magazines every day. You are photographed wherever you go. Tell me, what do you think of the press?
- J: Well, it's kind of nice to have people want to know all about me. Sometimes it gets to be too much, but most of the time I don't mind the media attention. I'm sure there are some reporters who really try to tell the truth, but I'm afraid that most of them make up stories to sell their newspapers.
- I: Are you saying that the stories aren't true at all?
- J: That's right! They're completely invented!
- I: Can you give us an example?
- J: Sure I can! I can give you hundreds!

Part 2

- J: Two years ago, reporters said my career was finished, and that I'd never sing again. Some friends, who are now ex-friends, said that my marriage was breaking up, and that my brother and I argued about money and weren't speaking to each other. Not one word of that was true!
- I: And, in fact, your career is on a high ...
- J: I just recorded a new album, and my marriage is fine. Sally and I just celebrated our fifteenth wedding anniversary ...
- J: ... and my brother and I get along just fine.
- I: But things haven't all been easy for you. You spent a month in rehab because police officers said that you had a nervous breakdown ...
- J: All that's just lies! I've never had a nervous breakdown. I was driving home from the recording studio and it was two o'clock in the

morning and I'd been working all day and I was exhausted. I fell asleep at the wheel, and police officers asked me to stop the car. I checked into a clinic for a month because I was suffering from exhaustion.

- I: Now, you had another legal problem recently. Your personal assistant, Barbara James, said you hadn't paid her for six months, and you made her work seven days a week without a break. Is that true?
- J: It broke my heart when Barbara, my PA, said those things about me. I treated her like my own family. When I met her she was nothing, and I gave her everything. None of what she says is true.

Part 3

- I: I read that you have become a Buddhist, that you have stopped eating meat, that you spend four hours a day meditating, and that you are going to give half your future income to charity. Is this true?
- J: Yes, it is. I've decided that life is too short, and I'm getting old. I don't care what people think. I made up my mind to do something useful with my life.
- I: Now when this story broke a few days ago, the news anchor on MBC's *Morning News* refused to read the story, saying that there were much more serious stories that deserved attention, and that you were just a celebrity. What do you say to that?
- J: I can't control what the press says about me. I have to be true to myself. I live my life as honestly as I can. I try to be nice to everyone around me. If you're in the public eye, then you have to be prepared to have some pretty terrible things said about you. I know what's true about me and what's a lie, but I can't change what is said about me in the newspapers and on television.
- I: Well, sadly our time has run out and we've come to the end of the show. A big thank you to my guest, Jamie Seabrook, and good luck with the new album!
- J: Thank you. It's been a pleasure.

Answers

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| 1. I don't care | 3. I don't care |
| 2. I don't mind | 4. I don't care |

Answers and audio script

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- A I'm so fed up! I lost my cell phone yesterday!

B Cheer up! It's not the end of the world.

A I got the time wrong, and I missed my plane.

B Never mind. We all make mistakes.
- A I forgot to send her a birthday card, so I sent her a text.

B Better late than never.

A Hey! You're reading the same book as me!

B Great minds think alike.
- A Tim's strange. He's not like me at all.

B It takes all kinds to make the world go around.

A I studied so hard for that exam, and I still failed.

B You did your best. You can't do any more.
- A I have ten exams in the next two weeks.

B Better you than me.

A I have three months' vacation!

B Lucky you.
- A I'm going to pack some anti-malaria tablets.

B Good idea. Better safe than sorry.

A I haven't heard from my kids for weeks!

B No news is good news.
- A That party was awful. I hated it. I couldn't stand it.

B You can say that again. It was really boring.

A I backed into a wall and broke a headlight.

B It could be worse.
- A She's been so sad since her husband died.

B I'm sure it's tough, but time heals all wounds.

A I wonder if their relationship will last.

B Time will tell.
- A Our neighbors are extreme right-wing.

B Live and let live. That's what I say.

A I trusted Peter, and he stole all my money!

B Oh, well. You live and learn.