

Reported speech

A Read what Pablo says. Then complete the sentences to report what he said.

"I don't think that I'm very materialistic. I'm moving to a new apartment soon, and so I've been trying to get rid of the things I don't want. I actually think I'm very self-disciplined – I only spend money on things I really need. I mean, I've kept a few gifts that I've never used. You know, things that close friends gave to me. And I've kept some old family photos that I can't throw away, obviously. But over the years, I've bought a lot of books, and I'll probably give most of them away."

1. Pablo said that he *didn't think* that he _____ very materialistic.
2. He said he _____ to a new apartment, and so he _____ to get rid of the things he _____
3. He said he _____ that he _____ very self-disciplined and said he only _____ money on things he really _____
4. He said that he _____ a few gifts that he _____ – things that close friends _____ to him.
5. He said he _____ some old family photos that he _____ throw away.
6. He said that over the years, he _____ a lot of books and that he _____ probably give most of them away.

Reported questions

A Imagine a market researcher asked you these questions. Write the reported questions.

1. Are you saving up for anything special? *He asked me if . . .*
2. How much money have you spent today?
3. What's your favorite store?
4. Could you live without your smartphone?
5. How do you keep track of your money?
6. Does your bank account pay good interest?
7. How often do you check your bank account?
8. Do you ever spend too much on things?

Talking hypothetically about the past

A These people are talking hypothetically about the past. Complete the sentences.

1. If I had worked (work) harder at school, I might have gotten a better job.
2. If I hadn't quit my job, I _____ (would not meet) my new friends.
3. If my family _____ (not encourage) me, I wouldn't have had the confidence to apply for my current job.
4. If my neighbor _____ (take) different subjects, he would have had better job opportunities.
5. If I'd gotten better grades, I _____ (could get) into grad school.
6. If I had studied English at an earlier age, I _____ (might take) this class years ago.
7. If my parents hadn't set aside the money, they _____ (could not afford) a big house.
8. If we _____ (grow up) 50 years ago, our lives might have been very different.

Tag questions

A Complete the sentences with a tag question.

1. Celebrity couples often have problems with their marriages, don't they ?
2. People are not really watching reality shows anymore, _____ ? They've lost interest in them.
3. You don't have to have a lot of confidence to go on a talent show, _____ ?
4. It's easier to become an Internet celebrity these days, _____ ?
5. Some actors don't deserve all the bad press they get, _____ ?
6. To be successful in Hollywood, you have to have connections, _____ ?
7. Some singers are just terrible when they perform live, _____ ? I'm not the only one who thinks that, _____ ?
8. The old black and white movies were much better than today's movies, _____ ?
9. Some actors have dropped out of sight completely, _____ ?
10. They're making a lot of violent movies these days, _____ ? I'm right about that, _____ ?