


8A GRAMMAR PHOTOCOPIABLE Reported Speech






8A GRAMMAR reported speech: sentences and questions

a Read the interview. Then complete the journalist's report below with the **bold** verbs from the interview in the correct tense.

Journalist	Firstly Mike, thank you very much for agreeing to this interview. I know you're a busy man. You have the leading role in the latest Kathryn Bigelow film. What is it like working with her?	
Mike	You 'can't begin to imagine what a fantastic experience it 'is. In fact, it 'has been an honour to work with her. However, I have to say that it 'wasn't easy at first, because filming 'started at 7.00 a.m. every day for the first three weeks. I'm not a person who likes early starts!	
Journalist	Yes, I had heard that! What 'did you enjoy most about working with her?	
Mike	I 'loved the way that she 'could get all the actors, including me, to do exactly what she wanted us to do.	
Journalist	Are you 'going to be in any more of her films in the near future?	
Mike	It 'depends on Kathryn, but I hope I 'will be. I'm really sorry but we 'must stop the interview now as I have a photo shoot at <i>Vogue</i> magazine.	

Mike told me that I ¹ couldn't begin to imagine what a fantastic experience working with Kathryn Bigelow ² _____. He also said that working with her ³ _____ an honour. However, it ⁴ _____ easy at first because filming ⁵ _____ every day at 7.00 a.m. for the first three weeks. When I asked him what he ⁶ _____ most about working with Kathryn Bigelow, he told me that he ⁷ _____ the way that she ⁸ _____ get the actors to do what she wanted. Finally, I asked Mike if he ⁹ _____ in any more of her films in the future. He said that it ¹⁰ _____ on Kathryn, but he hoped he ¹¹ _____. We then finished the interview because Mike said that he ¹² _____ go to a photo shoot at *Vogue* magazine.

b Write the other questions journalists asked Mike in reported speech.

	“ What's the most interesting role that you've played? ”	1 The BBC asked Mike <u>what the most interesting role he had played was</u> .
	“ Is there too much violence in films? ”	2 Fox asked him _____.
	“ Who's the most difficult actor that you've ever worked with? ”	3 RTVE asked him _____.
	“ What should a young person who wants to go into acting do? ”	4 RAI asked him _____.
	“ When are you going to retire? ”	5 ITV asked him _____.

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Answer keys

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Mike told me that I **couldn't** begin to imagine what a fantastic experience working with Kathryn Bigelow **was**. He also said that working with her **had been** an honour. However, it **hadn't all been** easy at first because filming **had started** every day at 7.00 a.m. for the first three weeks. When I asked him what he **had enjoyed** most about working with Kathryn Bigelow, he told me that he **had loved** the way that she **had been able to** get the actors to do what she wanted. Finally, I asked Mike if he **was going to be** in any more of her films in the future. He said that it **depended** on Kathryn, but he hoped he **would be**. We then finished the interview because Mike said that he **had to** go to a photo shoot at Vogue magazine.

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- 1 The BBC asked Mike **what the most interesting role he had played was**.
- 2 Fox asked him **if there was too much violence in films**.
- 3 RTVE asked him **who the most difficult actor he had ever worked with was / who was the most difficult actor he had ever worked with**.
- 4 RAI asked him **what a young person who wanted to go into acting should do**.
- 5 ITV asked him **when he was going to retire**.