

13 Reported speech (Units 132-136)

A Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word in each gap.

Language and Culture

International travellers need to learn about what is and isn't polite in other cultures. This means learning what they should and shouldn't say in different countries as well as the questions they should and shouldn't (0) ask.

When visiting someone's house, you might want to (1) _____ that you like one of the host's possessions, such as a painting, a vase, or a carpet. In some Islamic countries if you (2) _____ someone that you like something a lot, the host may insist (3) _____ giving it to you.

In Oman it is impolite to ask about women. For example, you shouldn't enquire (4) _____ someone's wife or daughter is well.

In Britain smoking is forbidden in most public places, so it is perfectly normal for a British host to ask a guest (5) _____ to smoke in their house.

B Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. For each question, you must use between two and five words, including the word in capitals. Do not change the word in capitals.

▶ The woman said, 'It's my car.'

WAS **The woman said that** *it was her* car.

1 Frieda said, 'I'll do it tomorrow.'

NEXT **Frieda said she** day.

2 Nelson said, 'I left the book here.'

THERE **Nelson said he**

3 Ross asked Helena, 'Where are you going on holiday?'

WAS **Ross asked Helena where** on holiday.

4 'Don't stand on the table,' she said to me.

TOLD **She** on the table.

5 Mr Underwood said to Jessie, 'Don't forget to make a copy of the report.'

REMINDED **Mr Underwood** a copy of the report.

6 Penelope asked if she could have some sweets.

CAN '..... some sweets?', Penelope asked.

7 'I'd like some water, please,' I said to the doctor.

FOR **I asked the doctor**

8 James asked me who I had phoned the night before.

YOU **James asked me, 'Who** last night?'

9 They said they had been working late the previous day.

WERE 'We', they said.

10 'I definitely won't be late this time,' said Laura.

TO **Laura promised** this time.