

PRACTICE

But you said ...!

1 Complete the conversations with an idea of your own.

- 1 A Bill's coming to the party tonight.
B Really? I thought you said he wasn't feeling well.
- 2 A Have you got a cigarette?
B I didn't know you _____!
- 3 A Oh, no! I've spilt tomato ketchup on my white shirt!
B I told you to be careful. I knew _____.
- 4 A Did you get me a drink?
B Sorry. I didn't realize _____. What would you like?
- 5 A I'm 25 today!
B Are you? I didn't know _____. Many happy returns!
- 6 A Oh, no! It's raining!
B Really? But the weather forecast said _____.
- 7 A You left the doors and windows of the flat open this morning.
B I'm sorry. I was pretty sure I _____ everything.
- 8 A Where did Tom go last night?
B I've no idea _____.

T 12.5 Listen and compare. Practise the conversations.

The interview

2 Work with a partner. Think of questions you are asked when you have a job interview.

How old are you?
Where have you worked before?
Do you like working in a team?

Full-time RECEPTIONIST
required in ***** London Hotel
Experience and
foreign language preferred
Annual salary £19k
Please send CV's to:
info@hotelcharleslondon.com

3 Julia has just been for a job interview as a receptionist. She's telling her friend about it.

They asked me why I wanted the job.
They asked me if I had any experience.
They wanted to know if I could do word processing.

What other questions do you think they asked?
Use ideas from exercise 2.

T 12.6 Listen and compare.

Reporting verbs

4 Match the reporting verbs in the box with the direct speech.

a invite	b persuade	c explain	d promise
e ask	f remind	g offer	h encourage

- 1 e 'Can you help me?' she said to me.
- 2 c 'Don't forget to post the letter,' he said to her.
- 3 a 'I really will work hard for my exams,' she said.
- 4 b 'Come to my party,' he said to me.
- 5 d 'You really must go travelling. You'd love it,' she said to me.
- 6 f 'I'll give you a lift to the airport,' he said to me.
- 7 g 'I'm not sure about this job.' 'Go on! Apply for it! You'd be good at it,' he said. 'OK, I will,' I replied.
- 8 h 'I've been very busy,' she said.

5 Report the sentences using the reporting verbs.

She asked me to help her.

T 12.7 Listen and check.

She didn't say that!

6 **T 12.8** Listen to the conversations. What mistakes do the people make when they report the conversations?

1 Merinda rang from work. She said she'd phone you again later.

She didn't say she'd phone later. She asked Jenny to phone her.

2 I've got a job as manager! I'm going to earn £30,000 a year!

3 My mum said you couldn't have a turn.

4 James - Sally rang. Meet her outside the cinema at 6.45.

5 Tom offered to mend my computer. He said he was sure he could do it. He wanted £75!

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VOCABULARY AND SPEAKING

Ways of speaking

1 There are many verbs that describe ways of speaking.

to discuss to promise to agree

Add two more verbs from the box to each category in red on the diagram.

advise	chat	scream	row	accuse
recommend	whisper	criticize	gossip	
order	quarrel	demand	protest	deny

2 Write in a verb from the diagram. Sometimes there is more than one possibility.

- _____ to a mate in the pub about football
- _____ with your parents about staying out late
- _____ at the kids because they're annoying you
- _____ that you made a mistake
- _____ to the waiter about the cold soup
- _____ if you see blood/your favourite pop star/a rat
- _____ against the war/about pay and conditions
- _____ that your friend should see a doctor

3 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (or no preposition).

- I talk _____ my kids _____ everything.
- My boss criticizes _____ me _____ my work.
- I agree _____ you _____ most things, but not politics.
- I discuss _____ everything _____ my wife.
- People love gossiping _____ celebrities.
- The teacher accused me _____ cheating in the exam.

4 Work with a partner. Think of a sentence to complete these ways of speaking.

My mother told me to tidy my room.

1 My mother
The teacher
My doctor

advised
told
persuaded

me
the students
...

to ...

2 My friends
I
My brother

suggested
admitted
complained

that

we ...
the teacher ...
...

5 With your partner, write a conversation that illustrates some of the verbs on this page. Act it out to the class.

A Have you been out spending money again?

We just can't afford it!

B Don't be so mean! It's only a few pounds!

The others must say who the people are and what they're talking about.

It's a husband and wife. They're arguing. He's complaining that she spends too much money. She accuses him of being mean.

