







# 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.

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

Mike told me that I <sup>1</sup> couldn't begin to imagine what a fantastic experience working with Kathryn Bigelow <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. He also said that working with her <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an honour. However, it <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ easy at first because filming <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ every day at 7.00 a.m. for the first three weeks. When I asked him what he <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ most about working with Kathryn Bigelow, he told me that he <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the way that she <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ get the actors to do what she wanted. Finally, I asked Mike if he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in any more of her films in the future. He said that it <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on Kathryn, but he hoped he <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. We then finished the interview because Mike said that he <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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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c Cover b and the journalist's report in a. Look at the interview in a and try to remember the journalist's report.

## SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 8A

a)

2 was

3 had been

4 hadn't all been

5 had started

6 had enjoyed

7 had loved

8 had been able to

9 was going to be

10 depended

11 would be

12 had to

b)

2 if there was too much violence in films

3 who the most difficult actor he had ever worked with was  
/who was the most difficult actor he had ever worked with

4 what a young person who wanted to go into acting should do

5 when he was going to retire