

## 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** 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 honor 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 to get up early!



**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 anymore of her movies 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 with *Vogue* 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 honor. 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 anymore of her movies 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 with *Vogue* magazine.

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

“ What's the most interesting role that you've played? ”

“ Is there too much violence in movies? ”

“ Who's the most difficult actor that you've ever worked with? ”

“ What should a young person who wants to go into acting do? ”

“ When are you going to retire? ”

1 The radio host asked Mike what the most interesting role he had played was.

2 The TV interviewer asked him \_\_\_\_\_.

3 The magazine writer asked him \_\_\_\_\_.

4 The blogger asked him \_\_\_\_\_.

5 The newspaper reporter 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.