

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 ¹**'can't** begin to imagine what a fantastic experience it ²**is**. In fact, it ³**has been** an honor to work with her. However, I have to say that it ⁴**wasn't** easy at first, because filming ⁵**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 ⁶**did you enjoy** most about working with her?

Mike I ⁷**loved** the way that she ⁸**could** get all the actors, including me, to do exactly what she wanted us to do.

Journalist Are you ⁹**going to be** in anymore of her movies in the near future?

Mike It ¹⁰**depends** on Kathryn, but I hope I ¹¹**will be**. I'm really sorry, but we ¹²**must** stop the interview now as I have a photo shoot with *Vogue* 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 honor. 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 anymore of her movies 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 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?”

- The radio host asked Mike what the most interesting role he had played was.
- The TV interviewer asked him _____.
- The magazine writer asked him _____.
- The blogger asked him _____.
- 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.