

track    soundtrack

- How much does the *Mamma Mia!* \_\_\_\_\_ cost?
- Move on to the next \_\_\_\_\_. I don't like this song.

turn on    turn off    turn up    turn down

- Could you please \_\_\_\_\_ the music a bit? I like this song.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the TV before you go to bed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ that lamp. It's dark in here.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the volume! It's too loud.

### 3 Grammar

#### REPORTED SPEECH (statements)

Read the examples, answer the questions and complete the rules on the right.

##### DIRECT SPEECH

- 'You should play Jay a few songs from my new album,' Sean said to Vicky.
- 'You are the best I have heard for ages,' the studio engineer said to them.
- 'I want to listen to Sean's CD,' Jay said.

##### REPORTED SPEECH

- Sean told Vicky that she should play Jay a few songs from his new album.
- The studio engineer told them that they were the best he had heard for ages.
- Jay said that he wanted to listen to Sean's CD.

When do we use reported speech?

In the examples above, which words have changed in reported speech and how?

Go to Grammar Reference

- Say and tell are reporting verbs. Use \_\_\_\_\_ before an indirect object (person) and \_\_\_\_\_ when there is no indirect object.
- Pronouns and possessive adjectives change according to the meaning of the sentence.
- Tenses, modal verbs and time expressions usually change as follows:

DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
Present	→ _____
Past	→ Past Perfect
Present Perfect	→ _____
will	→ would
can	→ could
should	→ _____
this	→ that
today	→ that day
yesterday	→ the previous day / the day before
last week	→ the previous week / the week before
tomorrow	→ the next day / the following day
next year	→ the following year

### 4 Practice

Imagine that you have bought a new CD and have just played it for your friends. Read the comments they made and complete the sentences below using reported speech.

It's really boring.  
I can't stand it.

Brian

I want to buy it, too. I'll go to the music store tomorrow.

Lillian

My brother bought the same CD for me last week.

Ruth

I've heard it before.

Fred

- Brian said \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lillian said \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ruth said \_\_\_\_\_.
- Fred said \_\_\_\_\_.

### 6 Speaking

Talk in pairs. Interview each other and then report your partner's answers to the class. Use the questions below.

- What's your favourite album?
- When do you usually listen to music?
- Do you watch music videos?
- Which concert or club have you been to lately?
- Did you enjoy it?
- Which CD will you probably buy soon?

Maria said that her favourite album was...

### 5 Intonation

Listen and repeat. What do you notice about the underlined words?

You said you would go to the concert with me.

Gary told me that he wrote the lyrics for two of the songs.

They said I wasn't a very good singer.

Ian told me that he didn't like Coldplay's latest album.

# 8b Cultural differences

## 1 Reading

### A. Discuss.

- Think of gestures or customs that exist in your country. Do you think they are the same everywhere around the world?



### B. Guess the answers to the questions below. Then read and check your answers.

- What do Ukrainians do just before going on a journey?
  - They call their family to say goodbye.
  - They sit quietly for a short while in their house.
- What's a common way for people in Belgium to greet each other?
  - They kiss three times on the cheek.
  - They shake hands.
- What does pulling the skin down under your eye mean in Japan?
  - Something is boring.
  - Something is interesting.



## They do it differently!

We know what feels normal and right to do in our culture. But other cultures have customs and gestures that are different and they may seem strange to us. So, it's easy to misunderstand someone from a culture that is different from our own. Here are a few examples:

I was in Ukraine with some friends and we **were about to** leave to go on a long trip. So with my bags in my hand, I walked towards the door. I turned around to say something, but everyone else was just sitting there **silently**. With his finger to his lips, Dmytro smiled at me and asked me not to interrupt, as this would bring **bad luck**. Feeling a bit embarrassed, I walked back in and sat down. After a minute, everyone got up and cheerfully walked out the door. I later learnt that it is a Ukrainian custom to sit silently in the house before a journey. Actually, it's also useful because it helps you remember if you've forgotten anything important!

John, Boston

I'm from Wisconsin, and when we meet someone for the first time, we usually shake hands. Well, I had a big surprise in Belgium. When I was introduced to my friend's brother, something **occurred**, which made me feel uncomfortable. I said 'hi' to him, extending my hand, and he came up to me and kissed me on the cheek, not once, but three times, going from one cheek to the other! Of course, I went red and they started laughing at me. In Belgium, it's common to greet someone by kissing three times.

Tracy, Madison

Last year, I was invited to Japan by my friend Daiki. On the second day of my visit, Daiki asked me if I wanted to see his son in a play and of course I said 'yes'. It was really entertaining but halfway through the play, I got something in my eye. So, I tried to **remove** it with my finger. Daiki's wife saw me and she got really upset. I couldn't understand why though. I asked Daiki why his wife was angry with me and he told me that in Japan when you pull the skin down under your eye, it shows that you find something boring. Later in the evening, I apologised to Daiki's wife and tried to **clear up** the misunderstanding, but I'm not so sure she believed me.

Peter, Miami

### C. Read again and answer the questions.

- Why did Dmytro ask John to be quiet?
- How did John react?
- Why did Tracy extend her hand?
- How did Tracy feel when the man kissed her?
- Why did Peter pull the skin down under his eye?
- What did Peter do after the misunderstanding?