







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	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?	
Mike	You ¹ can't begin to imagine what a fantastic experience it ² is . In fact, it ³ has been an honour 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 early starts!	
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 any more of her films 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 at <i>Vogue</i> 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 honour. 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 any more of her films 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 at *Vogue* magazine.

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

 <p>“What's the most interesting role that you've played?”</p>	1 The BBC asked Mike <u>what the most interesting role he had played was</u>
 <p>“Is there too much violence in films?”</p>	2 Fox asked him _____
 <p>“Who's the most difficult actor that you've ever worked with?”</p>	3 RTVE asked him _____
 <p>“What should a young person who wants to go into acting do?”</p>	4 RAI asked him _____
 <p>“When are you going to retire?”</p>	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.