Quiz: Reported speech
The Flatmates – Quiz – Reported speech

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Here are some things that Michal has told Helen recently. For each of these six statements, choose the one correct reported speech sentence that Helen uses when she tells Alice what Michal said.

1. Michal said "I'm from Poland". He told me ...
   a) I was from Poland
   b) I'm from Poland
   c) he was from Poland
   d) he is from Poland

2. Michal said "I really like you". He told me that ...
   a) he really liked my
   b) he really liked I
   c) he really liked you
   d) he really liked me

3. Michal said "I will try to cook". He promised me ...
   a) he would tried to cook
   b) he would try to cook
   c) he will try to cook
   d) he will try to cooked

4. Michal said "You have to study more". He insisted that ...
   a) you have to study more
   b) she had to study more
   c) I have to study more
   d) I had to study more

5. Michal said "I'm sure my parents will like you". He said ...
   a) he was sure we would like me
   b) he is sure we would like you
   c) he was sure they would like me
   d) he is sure they would like you

6. He said "I'll try to find some Polish recipes". He agreed that ...
   a) he would try to find some Polish recipes
   b) he will try to find some Polish recipes
   c) he would try to found some Polish recipes
   d) he'll try to find some Polish recipes
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Answers

1. "I'm from Poland". He told me ...
   a) I was from Poland - Wrong – the pronoun is incorrect.
   b) I'm from Poland - Wrong – the verb form is incorrect.
   c) he was from Poland - Correct – this is how to report what Michal said earlier.
   d) he is from Poland - Wrong – the verb form is incorrect.

2. Michal said "I really like you". He told me that ...
   a) he really liked my – Wrong – one of the pronouns is incorrect.
   b) he really liked I – Wrong - one of the pronouns is incorrect.
   c) he really liked you – Wrong - one of the pronouns is incorrect.
   d) he really liked me - Correct - this is how to report what Michal said earlier.

3. Michal said "I will try to cook". He promised me ...
   a) he would tried to cook – Wrong – one of the verb forms is incorrect.
   b) he would try to cook - Correct - this is how to report what Michal said earlier.
   c) he will try to cook – Wrong - one of the verb forms is incorrect.
   d) he will try to cooked – Wrong – two of the verb forms are incorrect.

4. Michal said "You have to study more". He insisted that ...
   a) you have to study more – Wrong – the pronoun and one of the verb forms are incorrect.
   b) she had to study more – Wrong - the pronoun is incorrect.
   c) I have to study more – Wrong – one of the verb forms is incorrect.
   d) I had to study more - Correct - this is how to report what Michal said earlier.

5. Michal said "I'm sure my parents will like you". He said ...
   a) he was sure we would like me – Wrong – one of the pronouns is incorrect.
   b) he is sure we would like you – Wrong – one of the verb forms and one of the pronouns are incorrect.
   c) he was sure they would like me – Correct - this is how to report what Michal said earlier.
   d) he is sure they would like you - Wrong - one of the verb forms and one of the pronouns are incorrect.

6. He said "I'll try to find some Polish recipes". He agreed that ...
   a) he would try to find some Polish recipes - Correct - this is how to report what Michal said earlier.
   b) he will try to find some Polish recipes – Wrong – one of the verb forms is incorrect.
   c) he would try to found some Polish recipes – Wrong - one of the verb forms is incorrect.
   d) he'll try to find some Polish recipes – Wrong - one of the verb forms is incorrect.
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