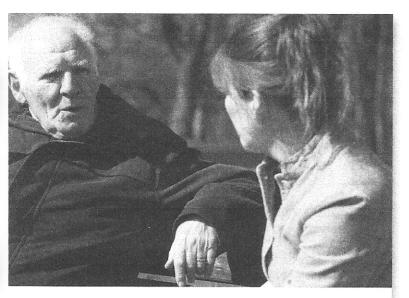
Vocabulary

7 Ways of speaking

Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

say tell explain speak talk reply ask



I was walking in town the other day when I met old						
Mr Brown, so we stopped and (1) <u>talked</u> for a while.						
He (2) me that his wife, Jenny, had been						
taken into hospital. I (3) him how Jenny						
was, and he (4) that she was getting better.						
I (5) Mr Brown to give Jenny my regards.						
He wondered why I hadn't been to the tennis club						
recently, so I (6) that I'd been very busy						
and just hadn't had time.						
'There's something you must (7) me,'						
Mr Brown suddenly said. 'How many languages does						
your son (8)?'						
'Four,' I (9) you						
?'						
'Well, I know your son has some very funny stories						
to (11) about his trips abroad and his language						
learning. We're having a meeting of the Travellers'						
Club next week, and I'd like him to come along and						
(12) to us.'						
I (13) that I would (14) to						
my son about it, and I promised to get back in touch						
with him.						
Then we (15) goodbye and went our						

separate ways.

8 Other reporting verbs

Rewrite the sentences in reported speech using the verbs in the boxes. Use each verb once.

complain admit deny	that
suggest explain	

promise	refuse offer agree promise	to do
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	explain		promise				
	1 'I think it would be a very good idea for you to go to bed,' the doctor said to Paul. The doctor suggested that Paul went to bed.						
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3	Yes, it was me. I broke your camera, said Harry.						
4	4 'I didn't pull her hair,' said Timmy.						
	'I didn't do the homework because I was ill,' said the student.						
6	if you tidy Jessica's da		m, I'll buy yo	ou a pizza!' said			
7	7 'Excuse me! There's a fly in my salad,' said Patrick.						
8	3 'I'm sorry. you,' Sarah			use I don't love			
9	'I'll cook so Duncan.	upper if yo	u like,' Ama	nda said to			