

Word on the Street Northern Ireland Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Reorder the words to give examples of reported speech.

1. Abdul: 'I work for a company in Dubai.' → / said / he / Abdul / company / for / worked / a / in / Dubai.

2. in / time. / German / she / was / Bronwen: 'I'm studying German in my free time.' → / free / her / Bronwen / said / studying

3. Ciaran: 'I don't know where John is.' → / know / Ciaran / didn't / said / where / John / was. / he

4. he / Dmitri / Dmitri: 'I'm not feeling very well.' → / was / not / said / very / well. / feeling

5. Erika: 'I'll see my parents tomorrow.' → / would / said / Erika / she / see / her / parents / the next day.

6. said / Fatima: 'I can't go out with you.' → / go / Fatima / couldn't / she / out / with / us.

Activity 2

Can you remember the sentences with reported speech from the last activity? Complete them with the correct words.

1. Abdul: 'I work for a company in Dubai.' → Abdul said _____ for a company in Dubai.
2. Bronwen: 'I'm studying German in my free time.' → Bronwen said _____ German in ___ free time.
3. Ciaran: 'I don't know where John is.' → Ciaran said _____ where John _____.
4. Dmitri: 'I'm not feeling very well.' →

Dmitri said _____ very well.

5. Erika: 'I'll see my parents soon.' →
Erika said _____ parents soon.
6. Fatima: 'I can't go out with you.' →
Fatima said _____ out with ____.

Activity 3

We can use 'a bit' to make an adjective less strong: 'a bit nervous'. We can also use 'a little bit' and 'slightly': 'a little bit nervous', 'slightly nervous'. Complete the sentences with the correct expressions.

a bit gloomy / a bit scary / a little bit angry /
a little bit cold / slightly overweight /
slightly thirsty

1. I'm feeling _____.
Could I have a glass of water?
2. It's _____ in here, isn't it? Can we close the window?
3. This room's _____.
Maybe we should paint the walls a different colour.
4. I don't like flying very much. I always find it _____.
5. I think I'm _____. I'd like to lose three or four kilos.
6. Jacques isn't talking to me at the moment. He's _____ with me.

Answers

Activity 1

1. Abdul said he worked for a company in Dubai.
2. Brown said she was studying German in her free time.
3. Ciaran said he didn't know where John was.
4. Dmitri said he was not feeling very well.
5. Erika said she would see her parents the next day.
6. Fatima said she couldn't go out with us.

Activity 2

1. Abdul said he worked for a company in Dubai.
2. Bronwen said she was studying German in her free time.
3. Ciaran said he didn't know where John was.
4. Dmitri said he wasn't feeling/he was not feeling very well.
5. Erika said she would see her/she'd see her parents soon.
6. Fatima said she couldn't go/she could not go out with us.

Activity 3

1. I'm feeling slightly thirsty. Could I have a glass of water?
2. It's a little bit cold in here, isn't it? Can we close the window?
3. This room's a bit gloomy. Maybe we should paint the walls a different colour.
4. I don't like flying very much. I always find it a bit scary.
5. I think I'm slightly overweight. I'd like to lose three or four kilos.
6. Jacques isn't talking to me at the moment. He's a little bit angry with me.