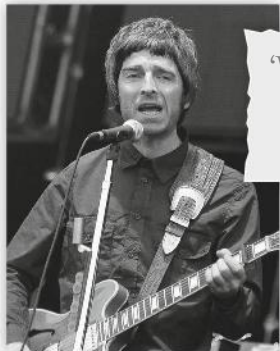


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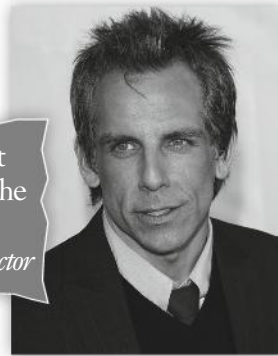
Reported speech → (see page 114)

1 Look at the famous people's quotes and complete the text with the correct forms of the verbs.

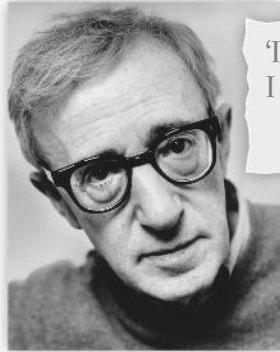


'We will be as big as The Beatles.'
Noel Gallagher, singer and song writer
in the group Oasis

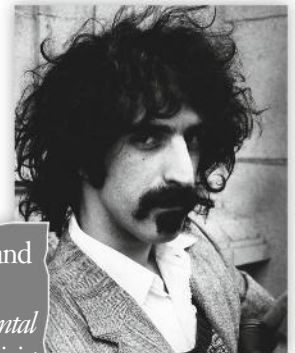
Whatever talent I had, I'm sure it
helped that my parents were in the
business.'
Ben Stiller, comedy actor



'If my films don't show a profit,
I know I'm doing something right.'
Woody Allen, actor, director
and writer

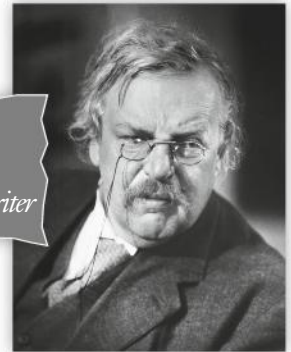


Art is making something out of nothing and
selling it.'
Frank Zappa, experimental
musician and satirist



'Poets have been mysteriously
silent on the subject of cheese.'

G.K. Chesterton, English writer



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There are many famous quotes, some of which are very funny or thought-provoking, and some which are just strange. The poet and writer Chesterton said that poets had been silent on the subject of cheese. Maybe he liked cheese. Noel Gallagher's quote saying that his band, Oasis, ¹ _____ as big as The Beatles is easier to understand. It's not (just) arrogance. He was copying a John Lennon quote from 1966 in which he said that 'The Beatles are bigger than Jesus' which caused storms of protest at the time. Woody Allen, a great writer and comedian, is uninterested in following fashion and does what he wants to do. His views on Hollywood blockbusters are well summed up by his quote that, if his films ² _____ a profit, he ³ _____ he ⁴ _____ something right. Ben Stiller's quote is pure fact. His mother and father were actors and he said that, whatever acting talent he ⁵ _____ as a child, he ⁶ _____ sure that it ⁷ _____ that his parents ⁸ _____ in show business. Finally, Frank Zappa who made music into an art form and called his guitar solos 'air sculptures' was possibly thinking about his own material when he said that art ⁹ _____ something out of nothing and selling it.

2 Change the reported questions to direct questions.

She asked us what the time was.

What is the time?

- 1 They asked me if I would be late.

- 2 I asked him if he played the piano.

- 3 She asked me who I knew in the group.

- 4 He asked us where we were going.

- 5 I asked her why she hadn't been at the meeting.

- 6 He asked us if we had been driving fast when the accident had happened.

3 Rewrite the sentences so that the meaning is the same as in the original sentences.

'Don't forget to write to me.'

He told me not to forget to write to him.

- 1 'Tell me what you think.'
She asked them _____
- 2 'Water boils at 100°C.'
Our teacher told us _____
- 3 'You shouldn't be upset.'
My mother said that _____
- 4 'When does the concert finish?'
She asked us _____
- 5 'Are you going to stay the night?'
He asked me _____
- 6 'What are you thinking about?'
I asked her _____
- 7 'Do you write poetry?'
I asked him _____
- 8 'I don't like modern music.'
My mother said that _____
- 9 'Peter Jackson, the film director, is a genius.'
My brother says that _____
- 10 'I didn't enjoy the play.'
She said that _____

4 Read the dialogue and complete the reported conversation.

- Dave** Good morning, this is Dave Smith. Today, on the breakfast radio show, I am going to talk to Marlene Shill, the modern art-dance artist. Good morning, Marlene.
- Marlene** Good morning.
- Dave** When did you start dancing, Marlene?
- Marlene** I started when I was five. I started going to ballet classes. I was quite good but I wanted to do more than just dance.
- Dave** So what did you do?
- Marlene** When I was ten, I wrote my first art-dance show. It was called *Moods*. I performed four short dances to show four moods that I often felt at that time.
- Dave** Do you remember what the moods were?
- Marlene** Yes, the moods were anger, happiness, love and boredom.
- Dave** And what is your latest show called?
- Marlene** It's called *Portraits* and it starts next week. I will dance for two minutes and then stop still for one minute while the audience look at me like a painting. Then I'll dance for another minute and continue like that for the whole show.
- Dave** Fascinating. Don't go away, I'll be asking Marlene more questions after the news.

Dave Smith's radio show report

Dave Smith introduced the breakfast radio show by saying that he was going to talk to Marlene Shill, the modern art-dance artist. He first asked her ¹ _____ and she told him that ² _____ when she was five. She ³ _____ to ballet classes and ⁴ _____ but ⁵ _____ more than just dance. Dave then asked her ⁶ _____. She replied that ⁷ _____ art-dance show when she was ten which was called *Moods*. Dave asked ⁸ _____ what the moods were and she said that ⁹ _____ anger, happiness, love and boredom. Dave then asked her ¹⁰ _____ called and she told him that it was called *Portraits*. She said that it started ¹¹ _____ week and that ¹² _____ for two minutes and then stop while the audience ¹³ _____ like a painting. Dave told the listeners not to go away and that ¹⁴ _____ Marlene more questions after the news.