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 something right. Ben Stiller’s quote is pure fact. His mother and father were actors and he said that, whatever acting talent he 4 as a child, he 5 sure that it 6 that his parents 7 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 8 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.

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**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 **_________** and she told him that **_________** when she was five. She **_________** to ballet classes and **_________** but **_________** more than just dance. Dave then asked her **_________**. She replied that **_________** art-dance show when she was ten which was called Moods. Dave asked **_________** what the moods were and she said that **_________** anger, happiness, love and boredom. Dave then asked her **_________** called and she told him that it was called Portraits. She said that it started **_________** week and that **_________** for two minutes and then stop while the audience **_________** like a painting. Dave told the listeners not to go away and that **_________** Marlene more questions after the news.