

Past perfect o Past simple?

- 3 Completa la storia con il *Past simple* o il *Past perfect* dei verbi fra parentesi.



I was at the supermarket one day. I ¹ _____ (finish) shopping so I was standing in the queue at the check-out when the woman in front of me ² _____ (start) talking to me. I ³ _____ (notice) her while I was shopping because her trolley ⁴ _____ (be) very full of food. 'I'm sorry for staring at you, but you look like my son,' she said. She explained that her son ⁵ _____ (die) in an accident two years before. I said I was sorry. Then she said, 'Can I ask you a favour?' and I said 'Yes, of course.' So she said, 'When I leave the supermarket can you pretend you're my son and say "Bye, Mum!"' So I ⁶ _____ (agree). The cashier put her shopping through the check-out, then, as she was pushing her trolley out of the door she turned and said, 'Bye, son!' and I said, 'Bye, Mum.' and she left. Then the checkout assistant ⁷ _____ (give) me my bill. It was almost £100! I ⁸ _____ (buy) just one packet of biscuits so I was very surprised. The assistant said, 'Your mum said you were going to pay for her shopping.' 'But she's not my mum!' 'But I heard you say "Bye, Mum!"' I ⁹ _____ (run) out into the car park but the woman ¹⁰ _____ (go). The manager of the supermarket didn't believe my story, so I had to phone my parents to come and sort it out. What an idiot I felt!

Reported speech • say, tell

- 4 Abbina le battute alle persone che le hanno dette. Scrivi le lettere negli spazi. Poi completa le frasi.
- 1 C The teacher *said that they were the worst class that she had ever taught*
- 2 _____ The Prime Minister told reporters _____

- 3 _____ The footballer said _____
- 4 _____ The news presenter said _____
- 5 _____ The police officer told reporters _____
- 6 _____ The pop singer told his fans _____

A We will probably make an arrest later today.

B You can download my latest album from the Internet.

C You're the worst class I've ever taught.

D We won the match last night very easily.

E The people of Manchester have just seen a UFO over the city.

F I'm going to win the next election!

Translation

- 5 Traduci le frasi in inglese. Scrivile sul quaderno.

- Mi scriverai, non è vero?
- Non eri alla festa ieri sera, è vero?
- Ero appena uscito da casa quando il mio telefono squillò.
- Quando uscirono dal cinema, scoprirono che qualcuno aveva rubato la loro macchina.
- Mi disse che mi avrebbe visto più tardi.
- Dissi che ero studente alla scuola di lingue.
- Lei disse loro che sarebbe partita alle sette quella sera.
- Disse che non aveva mai visto il film *Mission Impossible 3*.

Translation **Tip**

In italiano quando si riporta il futuro si usa il condizionale al passato mentre in inglese si usa **would** + forma base.

Mi disse che mi avrebbe chiamato il giorno dopo.

He told me he would call me the next day.