

A Rewrite the sentences using reported speech.

- 1 I'm never going to play rugby again, because I always get hurt.
He told me _____
- 2 My children are always losing their favourite toys.
He said _____
- 3 When did you find out you had the same birthday as your boss?
Imka asked me _____
- 4 In reality, many important scientific discoveries are made by accident.
The journalist explained _____
- 5 I ran into one of my favourite primary school teachers in the street yesterday.
She said _____
- 6 Can I use your computer? I spilled coffee on mine yesterday.
She asked me _____
- 7 You'll make a fortune with your invention!
Akemi told me _____
- 8 Have you noticed that you and Luca are wearing the exact same shoes today?
Benedetta asked me _____

B Work in pairs. Discuss the questions with a partner. Ask follow-up questions for more information. Take notes on what your partner says.

Have you ever ...

- run into someone you knew in a different country or city? _____
- thought you had lost something and then found it again in a surprising/an unusual place later? _____
- discovered an unexpected connection with a friend or colleague? _____
- found out you had the same birthday as someone you know? _____
- been about to phone someone and they phoned you? _____

C Use your notes to write at least five sentences using reported speech. Then exchange your sentences with your partner. Is all the information correct?

6 Focus on ... Discussing present habits

- A** Read the interview with Julia, an experienced rock climber. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences. Sometimes both options are possible.

Interviewer: How often do you go climbing?

Julia: As often as I can. People sometimes think that rock climbers spend all their time hanging from a wall of rock high above the earth, but that *'won't be / is not* actually true. Most serious rock climbers like me *²spend / tend to spend* a lot of time at the gym. I go there almost every day after work. I climb, of course, but I also run, lift weights and do other strength training. To increase my endurance, I'll go up a climbing wall, which takes me around 40 minutes, and then I'll climb back down and rest.

I: How often *³do you / do you tend to* climb real rock?

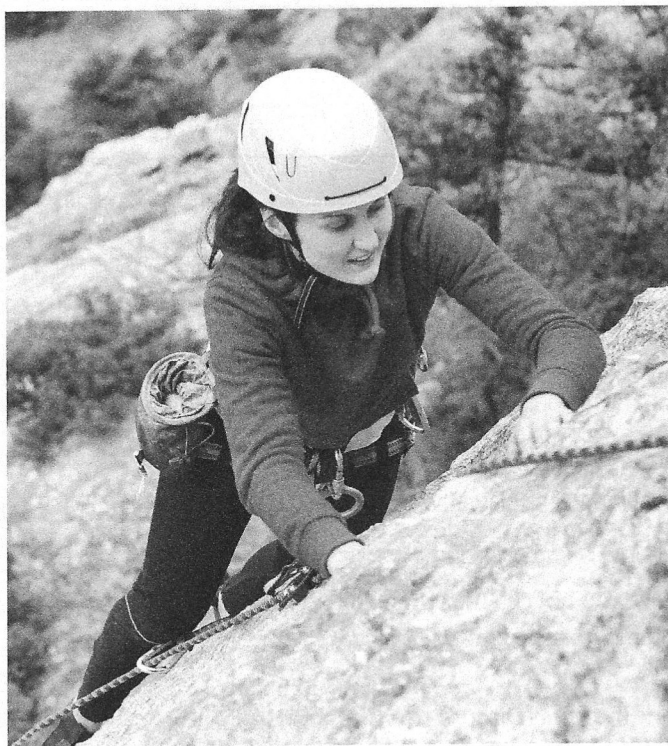
J: At the weekend, *⁴I meet up / I'll meet up* with friends and take a bus or train to a good place to practise my outdoor climbing. There are good places to climb as close as fifteen minutes from my house, but *⁵we'll travel / we travel* as far as three hours some days.

I: Do you ever push yourself too hard?

J: One thing I've learned is that it's important to listen to your body. On days when *⁶I'll feel / I feel* like I need to rest, I rest. Rock climbing is dangerous, and accidents *⁷tend to happen / happen* more often when you are tired. The last time I was too tired to climb, but decided to go anyway, I came home in pretty bad shape, covered in scratches and bruises.

I: Any advice to less experienced rock climbers?

J: If you *⁸are / will be* careful, most accidents can be easily avoided. Make sure to check your equipment carefully. One simple mistake can be the difference between a safe climb and serious injury. For example, I always check everything twice – and then I ask my climbing partner to check it a third time. I *⁹tend to meet / meet* young, inexperienced climbers who think it's not cool to follow this type of procedure, but there is nothing cool about getting badly injured.



- B** Work in pairs. Would you like to try rock climbing? Why or why not?

- C** Work in pairs. Finish the sentences with ideas about your own habits and routines. Discuss your sentences with a partner.

- When I'm bored, I tend to _____
- At the weekend, I'll sometimes _____
- In the morning, I love _____
- When I'm tired, I'll sometimes forget to _____
- I tend to have accidents when _____