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Mia's Farm Trip: Reported Speech

Find and correct mistakes in reported speech

1 Spot the mistakes. Last Friday, Mia's class went on a trip to a farm. A week later, Mia tells her mum what people said. But seven of her sentences are wrong. Put a cross (*X*) next to the wrong sentences. The letters of the wrong sentences make a solution word.

Rules

said (that) … / told **somebody** (that) … · backshift: am/is → was, have lost → had lost, visited → had visited, will → would, can → could · questions: asked **if** … / asked where **I lived** (no do/did) · orders: told us **to** … · I → he/she, tomorrow → the next day, ago → before, this → that

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3	**Lea:** "I have lost my hat."	Lea said that she had lost her hat.	☐ N
4	**The farmer:** "Where do you live?"	The farmer asked me where did I live.	☐ H
5	**Tom:** "I'll help you."	Tom said me that he would help me.	☐ I
6	**Ms Lee:** "You can feed the goats."	Ms Lee said that we could feed the goats.	☐ T
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9	**Ben:** "My parents visited this farm two years ago."	Ben said that his parents had visited that farm two years before.	☐ O
10	**Mr Hall:** "We'll have lunch at twelve."	Mr Hall said that we would have lunch at twelve.	☐ K
11	**Tom:** "I'll bring my football tomorrow."	Tom said that he would bring his football tomorrow.	☐ E
12	**Lea:** "I don't like the smell."	Lea told to me that she didn't like the smell.	☐ R

2 Write the seven wrong sentences correctly.

Solution word: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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Aufgabe 2

1. (Satz 2) Ben said that **he** was hungry.
2. (Satz 4) The farmer asked me where **I lived**.
3. (Satz 5) Tom **told me** (or: said to me) that he would help me.
4. (Satz 7) The farmer told us **to close** the gate.
5. (Satz 8) Lea asked me **if** (or: whether) I liked horses.
6. (Satz 11) Tom said that he would bring his football **the next day**.
7. (Satz 12) Lea **told me** that she didn't like the smell.

Sätze 6 und 10: *you* bzw. *we* meint die ganze Klasse, zu der Mia gehört – daher richtig *we*. Satz 11: Eine Woche später ist „tomorrow" falsch, weil das Wort jetzt einen anderen Tag meinen würde (*the next day / the following day*). Die Rückverschiebung (backshift) ist hier Schulregel; gilt eine Aussage noch immer, darf im Englischen auch die ursprüngliche Zeitform stehen.

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