

Upper-Intermediate/ lesson 4
Reported speech. How to change tenses.



Exercise 1: Turn the following sentences into reported speech.

1. Maya said, 'It can take me some time to find out what really motivates me.'
Maya said (that)
2. 'I do a bit of gardening in my leisure time', answered Sue.
Sue answered (that)
3. 'We're trying to make a decision', they explained.
They explained (that)
4. 'I was the last person to put the phone down', she told the manager.
She told the manager (that)
5. 'You must remain seated during turbulence', the flight attendant said to me.
The flight attendant said to me (that)
6. 'I was walking along the aisle', she said.
She said (that)
7. He replied, 'They may be lost.'
He replied (that)

Check yourself:

Exercise 1:

- 1 it could take her... motivated her, 2 she did ... in her leisure time, 3 they were trying,
4 she was/had been, 5 I must/had to, 6 she was/had been walking, 7 they might