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Module 12 – Media mania

1 Report each of these quotes by the famous people on the right.

- a I was working on the proof of one of my poems all the morning, and took out a comma.
Oscar Wilde

Oscar Wilde said that _____

- b Happiness depends upon ourselves.

Aristotle

Aristotle said _____

- c History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

Winston Churchill

Churchill _____

- d A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.

Oscar Wilde

- e I'm going to stay in show business until I'm the last one left.

George Burns

- f When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not.

Mark Twain

- g Though I am grateful for the blessings of wealth, it hasn't changed who I am.

Oprah Winfrey

- h In heaven all the interesting people are missing.

Friedrich Nietzsche

- i Mankind must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind.

John F. Kennedy

- j Last week I went to Philadelphia, but it was closed.

W.C.Fields

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Teacher's notes

This worksheet is designed for use after completion of pages 126–129. It is designed to give students practice of the tense shifts in reported speech.

- 1 In pairs, students discuss if they know the famous people on the right of the page and why they are famous. Get feedback from the class. Students then report what the people said, being careful with the tenses. These quotes cover the main tenses listed in the language summary on page 156.**

There will sometimes be more than one correct answer but the following are logical ways of reporting what was said.

- a Oscar Wilde said that he had been working on one of his poems all morning and he had taken out a comma.
 - b Aristotle said that happiness depended on ourselves.
 - c Churchill said that history would be kind to him because he intended to write it.
 - d Wilde said that a man could be happy with any woman as long as he didn't love her.
 - e George Burns said that he was going to stay in showbusiness until he was the last one left.
 - f Mark Twain said that when he was younger he could remember anything, whether it had happened or not.
 - g Oprah Winfrey said that though she was grateful for the blessings of wealth, it hadn't changed who she was.
 - h Nietzsche said that in heaven all the interesting people were missing.
 - i John F. Kennedy said that mankind had to put an end to war or war would put an end to mankind.
 - j W.C.Fields said that the previous week he had been to Philadelphia, but it had been closed.
- 2 Students can discuss with their partners if they know any other quotes by famous people. They can then report those quotes. Get feedback from the group.**