

Exercise: Writing - Reported Speech

1. These three celebrities made the following statements to the press. These were their actual words. Change them into indirect speech.



"...This girl is going round telling everyone that we had a love affair that is still going strong, but I insist I know nothing about it. She is a liar. I admit I met her when I went to Boston to receive a tribute from a Music Association last month but she is probably inventing this affair to make her boyfriend jealous..."



"...I must admit I asked to have my two sons make a cameo appearance in my new film. But the special effects people have superimposed the kids on to a downtown ghetto scene. I must apologize now because I thought it would be a wonderful idea but the scene is incredibly racist. I assure you that I will reinsert the scene as it really was..."



"...I didn't take steroids towards the end of my career as my ex-wife said yesterday on the American TV channel ABC. I've been trying to handle this issue with dignity, in my children's best interest. Tatum should be thinking of our kids before making such an accusation. Every time you raise another issue I will be forced to answer through the courts..."

Robbie Williams

Pop star Robbie Williams said that
....., but he insisted on.....He accused her of
He admitted
But he said

Will Smith

Film Star Will Smith admitted
..... But He accused
The special effects people of
..... He apologized for
.....He promised
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JOHN McEnroe

Famous tennis player John McEnroe said
.....
He also said that
.....He advised
Tatum He warned her not to
otherwise