REPORTING VERBS

1. Match the reporting verbs in A to their definitions in B.

A	B
1. beg	a. teach someone a subject or skill
2. announce	b. confess
3. add	c. tell someone that something bad could happen
4. warn	d. make a strong request
5. instruct	e. remember
6. admit	f. express dissatisfaction with the situation
7. wonder	g. give extra information
8. complain	h. make a formal statement
9. remind	i. advise people to do something
10. recommend	j. want to know something

2. Choose the correct reporting verb.

a) Sarah ..... , "I threw the bags into the sea yesterday"

b) The teacher ..... , "You have to do a project for this subject"

c) "Dad, please help me do this project today", I ..... .

d) Are these birds endangered?", Luke ..... .

e) "We should use renewable energy sources in our town", Mike ..... .

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3. Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Choose an appropriate reporting verb from the verbs below.

enquired promise recommended announced warned



EXAMPLE:

1.. Mrs Fraser announced that Emma had won the prize for the Environmentalist of the Year.

2..

3..

4..

5..

→ Listen and check your answers in exercise 3

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