

## Verb patterns: reporting verbs

*I can use a variety of reporting verbs correctly.*

## 1 Circle the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 'OK. I'll feed your cat while you're away,' she \_\_\_\_.  
a advised      b agreed      c encouraged
- 'You really must stay for dinner,' he \_\_\_\_.  
a asked      b admitted      c insisted
- 'I'll definitely be there to meet you at the airport,' she \_\_\_\_.  
a begged      b promised      c suggested
- 'It's dangerous to walk around that part of town at night,' he \_\_\_\_.  
a denied      b offered      c warned
- 'Is the café still open at this time?' she \_\_\_\_.  
a begged      b suggested      c wondered
- 'I'm the one who broke your laptop,' he \_\_\_\_.  
a admitted      b apologised      c persuaded
- 'I could lend you some money,' he \_\_\_\_.  
a denied      b proposed      c wondered
- 'You'd better say sorry,' she \_\_\_\_.  
a advised      b apologised      c persuaded

## 2 Circle the correct reporting verb. Then complete the sentences with the infinitive or -ing form of the verbs in brackets.

- My parents never **encouraged** / **suggested** me \_\_\_\_\_ (sing) when I was younger.
- Did you **admit** / **apologise** to your teacher for \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) the class?
- My Spanish friends **mentioned** / **told** \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to visit us this summer.
- Why are you **accusing** / **blaming** me of \_\_\_\_\_ (copy) your homework? It isn't true!
- The President has **denied** / **refused** \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) any more questions on this topic.
- I **begged** / **offered** her \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for our train tickets.
- They **denied** / **insisted** \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at the party until after midnight.
- My cousin **encouraged** / **refused** me \_\_\_\_\_ (play) a few songs on the piano.
- Why did you **agree** / **insist** on \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the end-of-term party at our house?
- My parents **begged** / **refused** my sister not \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) school at sixteen.
- My brother finally **admitted** / **apologised** \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) everyone my secret.
- Our next door neighbour **accused** / **warned** us of \_\_\_\_\_ (make) too much noise late at night.

## 3 USE OF ENGLISH Complete the text with the missing words.

When I got home, my brother was singing loudly in the kitchen. I asked him <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to make so much noise, but he insisted <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ singing even louder. I accused him <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ being the worst singer I'd ever heard. Instead of getting cross, he thanked me <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ giving him an idea. Then he went upstairs, smiling. I wondered <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ asking him what he was doing, but I knew he would refuse <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tell me. Two minutes later, he came downstairs again with a camcorder. He persuaded me <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ video him. 'If I'm that bad, we can make money on YouTube,' he told <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

## VOCAB BOOST!

When you learn reporting verbs, it's a good idea to learn the related nouns at the same time. You can also learn what verbs these related nouns usually go with. **Tip:** the most common verbs that go with the related nouns are *give* and *make*.

*agree* – make an agreement

*advise* – give some advice

## 4 Use a dictionary to find the nouns related to the verbs below. Write them in the correct category.

accuse apologise encourage promise suggest warn

give +	make +

5 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the correct form of *give* or *make* and a noun related to the underlined verb.

- They warned us about the dangerous cliffs.  
They \_\_\_\_\_ about the dangerous cliffs.
- He rarely encourages his son.  
He rarely \_\_\_\_\_ his son any \_\_\_\_\_.
- She forgave him as soon as he apologised for his behaviour.  
She forgave him as soon as he \_\_\_\_\_ for his behaviour.
- The police accused him of something serious.  
The police \_\_\_\_\_ a serious \_\_\_\_\_ against him.
- Why do you never suggest anything?  
Why do you never \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_?