

REPORTING VERBS

A Match the words to their definitions.

announce	argue	boast	claim
confirm	deny	estimate	have doubts about
hope to	insist	propose	swear

- 1 to speak with someone to tell them you disagree: _____
- 2 to make something known, or tell people about something officially: _____
- 3 to say something is not true or did not happen: _____
- 4 the feeling of not being certain, or not trusting something: _____
- 5 to say or demand something firmly: _____
- 6 to make a serious promise: _____
- 7 a statement that something is true, although you have not proved it: _____
- 8 to talk with too much pride about what you have done or what you own: _____
- 9 a guess about what a size, value, or amount might be: _____
- 10 to suggest a plan or action: _____
- 11 to say or show that something is true: _____
- 12 to want something to happen or be true: _____

B Circle the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- 1 The flight attendant *announced* / *claimed* there would be a 40-minute delay.
- 2 Stacey *proposed* / *hoped to* be home in time to watch her favorite TV show.
- 3 Jon was always *boasting* / *having doubts* about his accomplishments, so his friends tended not to take him seriously.
- 4 The child *swore* / *estimated* he had not taken an extra cookie.
- 5 The suspect *claimed* / *denied* everything the police said.
- 6 Claire *estimated* / *boasted* it would cost about 4,000 dollars to fix her kitchen.
- 7 Fred promised he'd be on time, but Tom *had doubts* / *insisted*.
- 8 Ellen *claimed* / *proposed* that they have dinner at 8 o'clock.