

## 8 Turn the following sentences into *direct speech*.

1 He said that he had ordered a pizza for dinner.

*"I've ordered a pizza for dinner," he said.* .....

2 She said that they had to call their lawyer.

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3 The plumber told them that he would go the following day to fix the tap.

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4 She told her friend that was the best holiday she had ever had.

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5 She asked him why he had said that to her.

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6 She told them not to speak to their father like that.

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7 He asked the secretary to show him where the manager's office was.

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8 She told her son to take his books with him.

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### Reporting Verbs

| Reporting verb                                                    | Direct speech                                                                                                                            | Reported speech                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>to infinitive</b><br>offer<br>promise<br>refuse                | "Shall I carry the bags?"<br>"I promise I'll be back early."<br>"No, I won't buy you a computer."                                        | He <b>offered to carry</b> the bags.<br>He <b>promised to be</b> back early.<br>She <b>refused to buy</b> me a computer.                                                                                        |
| <b>+sb+to infinitive</b><br>advise<br>ask<br>beg<br>order<br>warn | "You should see a doctor."<br>"Could you feed the dog?"<br>"Please, please help me!"<br>"Go to your room."<br>"Don't play with matches." | He <b>advised me to see</b> a doctor.<br>She <b>asked me to feed</b> the dog.<br>She <b>begged me to help</b> her.<br>She <b>ordered me to go</b> to my room.<br>She <b>warned me not to play</b> with matches. |
| <b>+ing form</b><br>suggest                                       | "Let's visit Sally."                                                                                                                     | "She <b>suggested visiting</b> Sally."                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>+that</b><br>explain                                           | "I'm going to stay with my sister."                                                                                                      | She <b>explained that</b> she was going to stay with her sister.                                                                                                                                                |

9 Choose a reporting verb and turn the following into *reported speech*.

**advised   asked   suggested   ordered   explained   promised   offered   refused**

1 "I think you should exercise more," the doctor said to me.

*The doctor advised me to exercise more.*

2 "I will not answer your questions," the actor said to him.

3 "I really will phone this evening," he said.

4 "Let's go to the cinema," he said to her.

5 "Could you do something for me?" he said to her.

6 "Go to your room immediately and do your homework," she said to her son.

7 "You will be paid twice a month," her boss said.

8 "Would you like me to drive you into town?" she said to me.

10 Match the sentences in column A to the correct reporting verb in column B. Then rewrite the sentences in *reported speech* as in the example:

1 ☒ c "No, I won't do it," she said.

2 ☐ "Let's go for a walk," he said.

3 ☐ "Please, please don't hurt me!" she said to the robber.

4 ☐ "Don't go near the campfire because it's dangerous," she said to Ben.

5 ☐ "I'll buy you a bicycle for your birthday," his father said.

a warn

b beg

c refuse

d promise

e suggest

1 *She refused to do it.*

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