

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Reported statements and commands

- 1 Are the sentences reported commands (C) or statements (S)?



- 1 My sister told me not to worry. C
- 2 Hector refused to tell me where he was.
- 3 I told Carla that I would meet her later.
- 4 Sandra insists that she didn't know about the party.
- 5 She told us to wait for her after class.
- 6 My parents told me to stay at home tonight.

- 2 Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of the reporting verbs in the box.

admit announce complain deny refuse tell

- 1 'All right, it was me. I dropped my drink and it fell on your bag.'
Helen admitted that she had dropped the drink.
- 2 'I hate washing-up. Why do I always have to do it?!'
My brother
- 3 'Look, it wasn't me. I would never send you a message like that.'
David
- 4 'I'm not going to talk to Ryan ever again!'
Mia
- 5 'Listen, everyone. Tomorrow there's going to be an exam.'
The teacher
- 6 'Go home and lie down. You'll be fine in a few hours.'
The doctor

Reported offers and suggestions

- 3 Are the sentences offers (O) or suggestions (S)?



- 1 I'll slice the cake in half if you like. O
- 2 Why don't you check online if there are any good films on?
- 3 I can lend you a nice shirt if you need one.
- 4 I'll hold your bag while you try on the sweater.
- 5 Shall we meet after class and discuss your progress?
- 6 Why don't I ask my dad if he'll give us a lift.

- 4 Rewrite the sentences in Exercise 3. Use the reporting verbs *offered* or *suggested*.

- 1 Alison offered to slice the cake in half.
- 2 Tim
- 3 Ayaz
- 4 She
- 5 The teacher
- 6 Ada

- 5 Write sentences that are true for you about ...

- 1 something you tell your parents not to do.
- 2 something you promised a friend you would do.
- 3 a time when you denied doing something.
- 4 a suggestion you made to your friend.
- 5 something that you always refuse to do.