

7E Reporting verbs

A . Choose the incorrect reporting verb in each sentence.

1. Sally **promised** /**suggested** /**offered** to help Ethan later.
2. My mum **insisted on** / **proposed**/ **commanded** leaving the waiter a big tip.
3. William **blamed** / **accused** /**criticized** his brother for scratching the car.
4. Daisy **said** / **warned** / **advised** her friend to take care.
5. My dad **offered** /**threatened** / **ordered** to make dinner for us.
6. George **encouraged** / **demanded** / **requested** that I show him the letter.
7. The doctor **instructed** / **urged** / **mentioned** the patient to do more exercise.
8. Billy **boasted** / **told** / **confessed** that he 'd eaten the whole cake himself.

B. Read the direct speech. Complete the sentences below using the reporting verbs in the box.

apologise	congratulate	refuse	deny	beg	agree
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1. " There's no way I'm doing the washing up."

Lily _____ the washing-up.

2. "It wasn't me I didn't break the remote control. "

Lily _____ the remote control.

3. "Please, please don't set any homework, Mr James."

Lily _____ any homework.

4. "I'm sorry that I missed the party."

Lily _____ the party.

5. "Well done Amy! I knew you'd get the job."

Lily _____ the job.

6. Yes, Jo. I'll babysit your kids.

Lily _____ Jo's kids.