

GRAMMAR

Reporting verbs

A Complete the article with the verbs in the box.

apologised convinced decided explained
informed promised

Late-night intrusion

Camden resident forgets keys and is mistaken for an intruder

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On Tuesday night, Stephen Frankel, of Worcester Court, ¹ _____ police that someone was trying to break into his Camden residence, after hearing suspicious noises on the roof. When officers arrived on the scene, they did indeed find a man on the roof. The man assured them that he had not gone there with the intent to steal and eventually ² _____ them of his innocence. The alleged intruder ³ _____ that he lived in another flat in the same block as Mr Frankel. He said that he had ⁴ _____ to go up on the roof to look at the stars because it was a nice night. However, he had locked himself out and he didn't have a phone with him. The noises had been him jumping up and down because he was cold. The man later ⁵ _____ to the police and to his neighbour for the inconvenience and ⁶ _____ to be more careful in future.

B Choose the correct options (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

- 1 The police _____ leaving a spare key with a neighbour, not on the property.
a insist b recommend c remind
- 2 You can't _____ me for thinking the man was a burglar – what was he doing in my garden?
a blame b inform c threaten
- 3 After several hours of questioning, she _____ to committing the crime.
a agreed b confessed c confirmed
- 4 I _____ you not to go near that place – it's really dangerous!
a said b warned c insisted
- 5 She directly _____ him of stealing the money!
a accused b insisted c admitted
- 6 The manager _____ that we take a short break to get coffee.
a threatened b assured c suggested
- 7 The police officer _____ on questioning everyone a second time.
a apologised b insisted c regretted
- 8 The man _____ to upload the pictures unless he was paid £10,000.
a threatened b insisted c promised

