

# report

## 1 Verb + report

Use the correct form of these verbs:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| blame     | deny    |
| highlight | publish |
| recommend | give    |

1. The committee are due to ..... their long-awaited report on the health service next week.
2. A spokesman refused either to confirm or ..... the reports that bank rates were about to rise.
3. I've got to ..... a report on our financial situation to the board meeting on Friday.
4. The report ..... some of the problems in schools today. In particular, it identifies the main causes of violence and lack of discipline.
5. The report calls for a total ban on smoking in night clubs. It also ..... that all buildings be fitted with smoke detectors.
6. Initial reports ..... the train driver for the accident, but the official report released yesterday exonerated the driver from all responsibility.

Go back and underline all the verb collocations.

## 2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| biased      | live        |
| damning     | detailed    |
| eye-witness | unconfirmed |

1. In a few minutes we hope to bring you a ..... report from the games in Australia via satellite.
2. A ..... and in-depth report on the Prime Minister's resignation will follow shortly.
3. The government complained that the BBC's reports of the war were ..... It expected the BBC's reporting to be objective and impartial.
4. The version of events given by the army was contradicted by ..... reports from locals.
5. The committee published a ..... report on the running of the company. In particular, it is highly critical of senior management.
6. .... reports said that at least eighty people had been killed in riots. However, a government spokesman claimed that these reports were greatly exaggerated.

Go back and underline all the other interesting collocations in this exercise.

## 3 Noun + preposition + report

Complete the sentences with these nouns:

|                 |          |       |
|-----------------|----------|-------|
| recommendations | contents | light |
| publication     | touches  | copy  |

1. The government has accepted the key ..... in Lord Talbot's recently published report on drug-taking among school-age children.
2. I will send you a ..... of the report as soon as it is ready.
3. There will be an investigation to find out who leaked the ..... of the report to the press.
4. The government has decided that ..... of the report would be contrary to the public interest.
5. I spent all morning putting the finishing ..... to my report.
6. The company will have to revise some of its health and safety procedures in the ..... of this report.

## 4 Types of report

Match the two halves of these sentences:

1. Tune into Radio 4 while driving – the traffic and weather reports are
2. The judge will delay his verdict until he receives a medical report
3. Can you give us a progress report
4. The chairman of the company presented the annual report
5. She dismissed the newspaper reports of the break-up of her marriage
  - a. on the offender.
  - b. on what has happened so far?
  - c. always up to the minute.
  - d. as pure speculation.
  - e. to the shareholders.

### Notes

1. Note these expressions:  
*According to news reports, there was only one survivor. We're getting reports from the scene of the crash that about 20 cars were involved.*
2. You may hear this on the television news:  
*The following report contains images which some viewers may find upsetting.*