

REPORTING VERBS

1. Match the reporting verbs in A to their definitions in B.

A

1. beg
2. announce
3. add
4. warn
5. instruct
6. admit
7. wonder
8. complain
9. remind
10. recommend

B

- a. teach someone a subject or skill
- b. confess
- c. tell someone that something bad could happen
- d. make a strong request
- e. remember
- f. express dissatisfaction with the situation
- g. give extra information
- h. make a formal statement
- i. advise people to do something
- j. want to know something

2. Choose the correct reporting verb.

- a) Sarah , "I threw the bags into the sea yesterday"
- b) The teacher , "You have to do a project for this subject"
- c) "Dad, please help me do this project today", I
- d) "Are these birds endangered?", Luke
- e) "We should use renewable energy sources in our town", Mike

3. Rewrite the sentences in reported speech. Choose an appropriate reporting verb from the verbs below.

enquired promise recommended announced warned



EXAMPLE:

1. Mrs Fraser announced that Emma had won the prize for the Environmentalist of the Year.

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→ Listen and check your answers in exercise 3

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