

REPORTING VERBS – PRACTICE

Task 1. Choose some of the given words to fill in the blanks.

1. 'I'm sorry I behaved so badly,' said George. (**APOLOGISED**)

George _____ so badly.

FOR

APOLOGISED

TO

BEHAVING

BEHAVE

2. 'Peter, you've eaten all the ice cream?' said his mother. (**ACCUSED**)

Peter's mother _____ all the ice cream.

HIM

EATING

ACCUSED

EAT

OF

3. 'Don't sit in front of the computer for too long,' our teacher told us. (**WARNED**)

Our teacher _____ in front of the computer for too long.

NOT

WARNED

SIT

TO

US

4. 'Can I borrow your bicycle, Sarah?' asked Frank. (**LEND**)

Frank asked Sarah _____ her bicycle.

COULD

IF

HIM

SHE

LEND

Task 2. Match the two halves to make meaningful sentences.

1. We agreed
2. The teacher encouraged
3. He insisted
4. I recommend
5. She warned us
6. She reminded

a. him to take the exam again.
b. him to take his keys.
c. about the dangerous roads.
d. to meet the following day.
e. on paying.
f. visiting the British Museum while you're in London.

Task 3. Rewrite these sentences, using the given words, so that they keep the same meaning.

1. I think it would be a good idea for you to move closer to work. (SUGGEST)

I _____ closer to work.

2. "It was Petra who stole it!" said Martine. (ACCUSED)

Martine _____ stealing it.

3. Paddy said he would not thank me and just walked out. (REFUSED)

Paddy _____ thank you to me and just walked out.

4. "I really wish I hadn't left the cake next to the radiator," he said. (REGRETTED)

He _____ the cake next to the radiator.

5. "It's not a good idea to wear a pink shirt with your green trousers," she told me (ADVISED)

She _____ a pink shirt with my green trousers.

6. "Don't forget to hand in your essay next Friday," she told me. (REMINDS)

She _____ my essay (on) the following Friday.

7. "I certainly didn't eat your chocolates," she told him. (DENIED)

She _____ chocolates.

8. "You'd better not carry too much money," she told me. (WARNED)

She _____ too much money.

9. "Congratulations! You passed your exam," he said to me. (CONGRATULATED)

He _____ the exam.

10. "I want to see the manager," he said. (INSISTED)

He _____ the manager.