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ASSIGNMENT N° 3

A) Provide the likely original statements for these reported sentences.

1. They said they would be at the station by ten.
2. She said she had to wash her hair that evening.
3. He tried to convince me that Goa was in Africa.
4. She claimed she'd spent her childhood in Australia.
5. She said she'd given up studying English and was going to get married instead.

B) Complete these texts with appropriate forms of the verbs.

ask – explain – point out – reply – not say – not speak – talk – tell.

In her best-selling book "You Just Don't Understand," Deborah Tannen recalled a joke that her father liked to _____ people. In the joke, a woman went to court to get a divorce from her husband. When the judge _____ her why she wanted a divorce, she _____ that her husband _____ anything to her in two years. The judge turned to the husband and asked him why he _____ to his wife in two years. The husband _____ , "I didn't want to interrupt her." Tannen _____ that the joke was based on an old-fashioned stereotype of women: that they _____ all the time. Her research had shown that it was, in fact, a false stereotype.

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C) Put the sentences into reported speech, summarizing what was said and using the verbs in the box.

decide – complain – accuse – advice – apologize – offer – persuade – remind – warn – refuse

1. "I know you've got a lot of work to do at the moment. I'll help you type up that report if you like," he said.

2. A: I don't think you should hand in your resignation immediately. Give yourself more time to think about it.

   B: Ok. I suppose you're right. I'll leave it for a while then.

3. "No, I'm not going to discuss it with you. I think it's a waste of time," he said.

4. "I really think I should have been invited to the meeting. I'm very unhappy about the fact that I wasn't," he said.

5. "You've been quite ill and you need to recover. I really think you should take it easy for a few days," the doctor said.

6. "You must not go near their house again or there will be trouble," the police said to him.

7. "After giving the matter some serious thought, we have now reached a final decision. We're going to close down the naval base in two years' time," said the Ministry of Defense.

8. "Someone's been reading my diary. I know they have. I found it in the wrong drawer this morning. It was you, wasn't it?"

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9. "Remember that you've got to apply for a new passport. Yours is out of date now," he said to me.

10. "I'm really sorry about all the trouble I've caused. I didn't mean to," she said.

D) **Use specifying verbs from the list to rewrite these sentences in reported speech.**

admit – beg – suggest – remind – warn – advise – order – deny

1- "Don't forget to buy some more batteries!" he said.

He

2-"OK! I *did* borrow your camera without asking," she said.

She

3- "We weren't anywhere near the house when it was burgled," said the accused man.

The accused man when it was burgled.

4- "Please, please, please let me go to the live concert at the weekend!" said Molly.

Molly her parents

5- "Don't walk home alone at night," the camp director said.

The camp director the girls

6- "Why don't we have a picnic at the beach?" Eva asked.

Eva

7- "Stand back from the stage," said the security guards to the fans.

The security guards the fans

8- "If I were you, I'd buy the tickets as soon as possible," I told Mark.

I Mark

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E) Complete this text with appropriate forms of these reporting verbs.

ask – beg – claim – explain – mention – shout – talk – tell – think – wonder

I was in the Arctic last summer to photograph foxes, but I had been having no luck. I was on my way home one day when I saw a construction engineer called Malcolm Davidson waving and _____ to me as I drove by. We had met the previous weekend and he _____ some areas further north where I might find foxes. I _____ why he was trying to stop me there. I pulled over and got out to _____ to him. He _____ if I was still looking for foxes.

We walked over to what was left of some old rusted cars by the side of the road. I looked down and saw three little foxes asleep beside a broken car door. He _____ me that he would have to catch them all and move them away from there. It was his next construction site, he _____ . "I'm afraid that when we _____ that we are developing or improving an area, we don't always make things better for wild animals."

"Let me get my camera and take some photos before you do anything," I _____ him. I ran to get my camera. I do hope they'll survive, I _____ to myself. That afternoon I used up all the film I had while the young foxes played among the old cars.

F) Report the following victory speech. Develop a <u>paragraph</u> with an introduction and a concluding sentence. Make sure to include a variety of <u>reporting verbs</u>.

"I am delighted to have been elected onto the council. And I thank all those voters who came out in the rain today to vote for me. I am very much looking forward to representing the interests of the residents of Kimbridge Valley and hope that I will have the opportunity to do so for many years to come.

During the last few weeks I have spoken to many of the valley residents on the doorstep and I have a clear idea of the issues which are of most concern to them. The proposed

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closure of the school is understandably causing a great deal of anxiety and I shall do everything in my power to fight against that. I hope that I will be successful.

Thanks again to my supporters and a big thank you to all those who helped me during the campaign."

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