

 **Task 2.** Imagine you are Kate Johnson, secretary of the English Speaking Competition. Write a letter to respond to Thu Trang, using the details below.

- number of participants: 25
- venue: 106 Tran Hung Dao Street, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi
- date: 25<sup>th</sup> November
- arrival time: 7:00 p.m.; starting time: 8:00 p.m.
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## E. LANGUAGE FOCUS

• **Pronunciation:** /tr/ - /dr/ - /tw/

• **Grammar:**

**Reported speech with gerund**

### Pronunciation

• Listen and repeat.

/ tr /	/ dr /	/ tw /
traffic	drive	twelve
troops	dreadful	twenty
trousers	drink	twin
tropical	dress	twinkle

• Practise reading aloud these sentences.

1. John always enjoys travelling by train.
2. Jane's teeth are troubling her.
3. George is driving dangerously.
4. Her new dress is an absolute dream.
5. She has an amusing twinkle in her eyes.
6. Think twice before doing something.

## Grammar

**Exercise 1.** Change direct speech into reported speech. Begin each of the sentences in the way shown.

**Example:**

“It was nice of you to help me. Thank you very much,” Tom said to you.

— *Tom thanked me for helping him.*

1. “I hear you passed your exams. Congratulations!” John said to us.

John congratulated \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

2. “I’m sorry I didn’t phone you earlier,” Mary said.

Mary apologised for \_\_\_\_\_.

3. “I’ll drive you to the station. I insist,” Peter said to Linda.

Peter insisted on \_\_\_\_\_.

4. “You didn’t pay attention to what I said,” the teacher said to the boy.

The teacher accused \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

5. “I’ve always wanted to be rich,” Bob said.

Bob has always dreamed of \_\_\_\_\_.

6. “Don’t stay at the hotel near the airport,” I said to Ann.

I warned \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_.

7. “Stay here! I can’t let you go out tonight,” her mother said to Jane.

Her mother prevented \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

8. “It was nice of you to visit me. Thank you,” Miss White said to Jack.

Miss White thanked \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.

**Exercise 2.** Rewrite the dialogues in reported speech, using gerund.

**Example:**

Teacher: Come in, Peter!

Peter: I'm sorry I'm late.

*Peter apologised for being late.*

1. Linda: Let me pay for the meal.

Tom: Certainly not! I'll pay.

*Tom insisted on \_\_\_\_\_.*

2. Mr. Smith: I feel like meeting our children soon.

Mrs. Smith: I think so.

*Mr. and Mrs. Smith looked forward to \_\_\_\_\_.*

3. Woman: Hey! You've broken the window of my house!

Boy: Oh ... no, I've just arrived here. I don't know anything about it.

*The boy denied \_\_\_\_\_.*

4. Policeman: You mustn't leave the shop!

Customer: What's that?

Policeman: Stay here! You mustn't leave the shop!

*The policeman stopped the customer (from) \_\_\_\_\_.*

5. Detective: You have stolen Mrs. Brown's car!

The thief: Yes...! But...

*The thief admitted \_\_\_\_\_.*

6. Mary: What shall we do on Saturday?

Ann: What about having a party?

*Ann suggested \_\_\_\_\_.*

7. John's wife: The house is very nice! We'll certainly buy it!

John: I think so.

*John and his wife were thinking of \_\_\_\_\_.*