REPORTING VERBS

A **Match the words to their definitions.**

announce	argue	boast	claim
confirm	deny	estimate	have doubts about
hope to	insist	propose	swear

1 to speak with someone to tell them you disagree: _____
2 to make something known, or tell people about something officially: _____
3 to say something is not true or did not happen: _____
4 the feeling of not being certain, or not trusting something: _____
5 to say or demand something firmly: _____
6 to make a serious promise: _____
7 a statement that something is true, although you have not proved it: _____
8 to talk with too much pride about what you have done or what you own: _____
9 a guess about what a size, value, or amount might be: _____
10 to suggest a plan or action: _____
11 to say or show that something is true: _____
12 to want something to happen or be true: _____

B **Circle the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.**

1 The flight attendant *announced / claimed* there would be a 40-minute delay.
2 Stacey *proposed / hoped to* be home in time to watch her favorite TV show.
3 Jon was always *boasting / having doubts* about his accomplishments, so his friends tended not to take him seriously.
4 The child *swore / estimated* he had not taken an extra cookie.
5 The suspect *claimed / denied* everything the police said.
6 Claire *estimated / boasted* it would cost about 4,000 dollars to fix her kitchen.
7 Fred promised he'd be on time, but Tom *had doubts / insisted*.
8 Ellen *claimed / proposed* that they have dinner at 8 o'clock.

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