

8 Turn the following sentences into *direct speech*.

1 He said that he had ordered a pizza for dinner.

"I've ordered a pizza for dinner," he said.

2 She said that they had to call their lawyer.

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3 The plumber told them that he would go the following day to fix the tap.

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4 She told her friend that was the best holiday she had ever had.

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5 She asked him why he had said that to her.

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6 She told them not to speak to their father like that.

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7 He asked the secretary to show him where the manager's office was.

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8 She told her son to take his books with him.

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Reporting Verbs

Reporting verb	Direct speech	Reported speech
to infinitive offer promise refuse	"Shall I carry the bags?" "I promise I'll be back early." "No, I won't buy you a computer."	He offered to carry the bags. He promised to be back early. She refused to buy me a computer.
+sb+to infinitive advise ask beg order warn	"You should see a doctor." "Could you feed the dog?" "Please, please help me!" "Go to your room." "Don't play with matches."	He advised me to see a doctor. She asked me to feed the dog. She begged me to help her. She ordered me to go to my room. She warned me not to play with matches.
+ing form suggest	"Let's visit Sally."	"She suggested visiting Sally."
+that explain	"I'm going to stay with my sister."	She explained that she was going to stay with her sister.

9 Choose a reporting verb and turn the following into *reported speech*.

advised asked suggested ordered explained promised offered refused

- 1 "I think you should exercise more," the doctor said to me.
The doctor advised me to exercise more.
- 2 "I will not answer your questions," the actor said to him.

- 3 "I really will phone this evening," he said.

- 4 "Let's go to the cinema," he said to her.

- 5 "Could you do something for me?" he said to her.

- 6 "Go to your room immediately and do your homework," she said to her son.

- 7 "You will be paid twice a month," her boss said.

- 8 "Would you like me to drive you into town?" she said to me.

10 Match the sentences in column A to the correct reporting verb in column B. Then rewrite the sentences in *reported speech* as in the example:

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| 1 | c | "No, I won't do it," she said. |
| 2 | | "Let's go for a walk," he said. |
| 3 | | "Please, please don't hurt me!" she said to the robber. |
| 4 | | "Don't go near the campfire because it's dangerous," she said to Ben. |
| 5 | | "I'll buy you a bicycle for your birthday," his father said. |

- a warn
 b beg
 c refuse
 d promise
 e suggest

- 1 *She refused to do it.*
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