

8B GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 A Remind me to book a taxi to the airport. (**book**)
B We don't need one; Andy's offered _____ us a lift. (**give**)
- 2 A Hi, Tom. I'm surprised to see you here. I didn't think you liked opera.
B I don't, but Delia persuaded me _____ tonight. (**come**)
- 3 A Have the police found the men that robbed the supermarket?
B Apparently, they've arrested one man, but he denies _____ anything to do with it. (**have**)
- 4 A I've always regretted _____ to college. (**not go**)
B Well, it's never too late. Why don't you apply?
- 5 A Have the kids been fighting again? Oliver's really upset, but he refuses _____ me why. (**tell**)
B Oh, Harry accused Oliver of _____ one of his toys, and now they aren't speaking to each other. (**break**)
- 6 A Where are you going on vacation this year?
B We haven't decided yet. Molly suggested _____ camping in the Adirondacks, but I'm not very excited. I'd rather go somewhere warmer. (**go**)
- 7 A Someone broke into the car and stole my laptop while I was in the supermarket.
B I warned you _____ it in the car. Have you reported it to the police? (**not leave**)
- 8 A There's a funny smell in the kitchen.
B That's because your dad insisted on _____ curry for dinner and he burned it. (**make**)

b Complete the sentences using the reporting verb in parentheses and a verb from the list.

clean come ~~cook~~ eat forget keep lose try

- 1 Adam offered to cook dinner for everyone. (**offer**)
- 2 Pablo _____ his room on the weekend. (**promise**)
- 3 Roger _____ for _____ my birthday. (**apologize**)
- 4 Bill _____ me _____ all my money in the bank. (**advise**)
- 5 Sofia _____ the new pizza place. (**suggest**)
- 6 Ruby _____ all the chocolates. (**admit**)
- 7 Mike _____ me _____ to the theater with him. (**invite**)
- 8 Jamie _____ me for _____ the tickets, but I think he had them. (**blame**)

ACTIVATION

Think of a time when you...

- received some good advice.
- apologized to someone for something.
- offered to help someone.
- advised somebody to do (or not to do) something.
- were blamed for something you didn't do.
- regretted something you did / didn't do.

Make sentences using reported speech. Then compare your sentences with your partner.

My sister advised me to take a course to improve my computer skills.)