Vocabulary

Reporting verbs

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

1 I'd forgotten about my dentist's appointment. Thanks for *remembering/reminding* me.

2 My maths teacher *accused/threatened* to tell my parents if I didn't behave.

3 My youngest daughter *denied/admitted* drawing on the wall, but I knew it was her.

4 I wanted to turn round and go home but Mike *agreed/insisted* we keep going.

5 My son *agrees/refuses* to keep his room tidy despite constant nagging!

6 I wasn't sure about joining a gym but Sara *advised/convinced* me it was a good idea.

7 Beatriz *apologised/admitted* for dropping food on her friend's sofa.

8 My brother always *blames/denies* me for his broken bike but it wasn't me!

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2 Complete the conversations with the correct form of the words in the boxes.

1 accuse convince deny insist

A: Jamie has just [1]_____ me of trying to steal his idea and present it as my own but I'd honestly thought of it myself.

B: Did you [2]_____ stealing it?

A: Of course I did, because he's wrong – but he doesn't believe me.

B: Did you [3]_____ that you were telling the truth?

A: I did, but nothing I said could [4]_____ him.

2 advise blame refuse threaten

A: My boss just asked me to work overtime at the weekend. I [5]_____.

B: What did he say?

A: He [6]_____ to sack me if I didn't do it but I [7]_____ him not to do that as I'd complain to his manager if he tried it.

B: What did he say to that?

A: He [8]_____ me for the poor sales in our department.

3 admit agree apologise remind

A: I finally talked to Alison yesterday after our argument. I [9]_____ her that it's Dad's birthday next week. She [10]_____ to come to his party.

B: Oh, that's good. Did you [11]_____ for what you said?

A: Yeah, I said I was sorry for not trying to understand her side of things. She [12]_____ that she'd been wrong, too.

B: Sounds like you can be friends again then. Or cousins!

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