GRAMMAR
Reporting verbs

A Complete the article with the verbs in the box.

apologised convinced decided explained informed promised

Late-night intrusion

Camden resident forgets keys and is mistaken for an intruder

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On Tuesday night, Stephen Frankel, of Worcester Court, [1]_____ police that someone was trying to break into his Camden residence, after hearing suspicious noises on the roof. When officers arrived on the scene, they did indeed find a man on the roof. The man assured them that he had not gone there with the intent to steal and eventually [2]_____ them of his innocence. The alleged intruder [3]_____ that he lived in another flat in the same block as Mr Frankel. He said that he had [4]_____ to go up on the roof to look at the stars because it was a nice night. However, he had locked himself out and he didn't have a phone with him. The noises had been him jumping up and down because he was cold. The man later [5]_____ to the police and to his neighbour for the inconvenience and [6]_____ to be more careful in future.

B Choose the correct options (a, b or c) to complete the sentences.

1 The police ___ leaving a spare key with a neighbour, not on the property.
a insist **b** recommend **c** remind

2 You can't ___ me for thinking the man was a burglar – what was he doing in my garden?
a blame **b** inform **c** threaten

3 After several hours of questioning, she ___ to committing the crime.
a agreed **b** confessed **c** confirmed

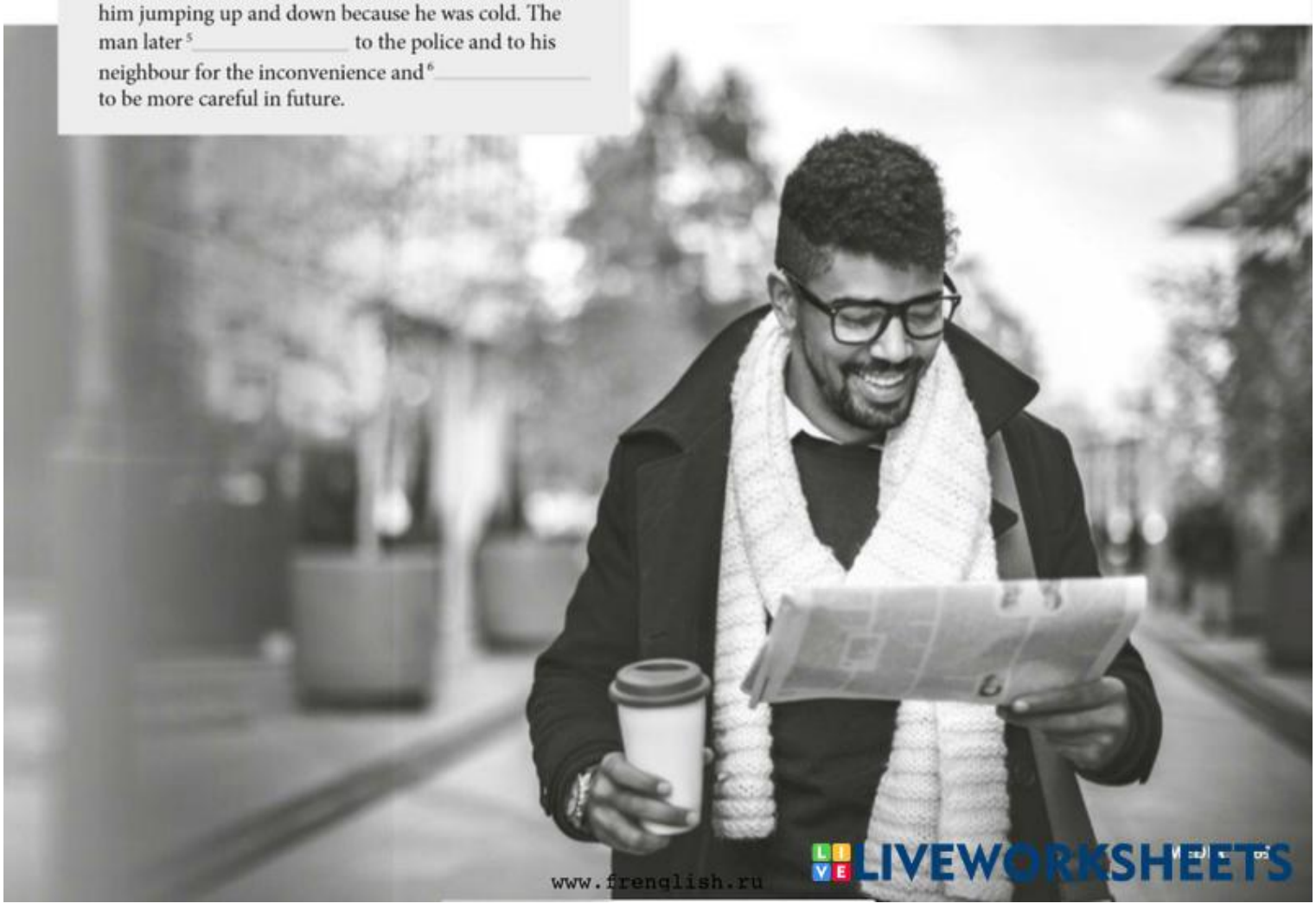
4 I ___ you not to go near that place – it's really dangerous!
a said **b** warned **c** insisted

5 She directly ___ him of stealing the money!
a accused **b** insisted **c** admitted

6 The manager ___ that we take a short break to get coffee.
a threatened **b** assured **c** suggested

7 The police officer ___ on questioning everyone a second time.
a apologised **b** insisted **c** regretted

8 The man ___ to upload the pictures unless he was paid £10,000.
a threatened **b** insisted **c** promised



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