

# REPORTING VERBS

Task One. Match the idioms with the definitions. Write the letter.

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| 1. announce ____ | a. to say you are willing to do or give something to someone. |
| 2. offer ____    | b. to make something clear by giving details or reasons.      |
| 3. explain ____  | c. to tell people something officially or publicly            |
| 4. warn ____     | d. to say you are unhappy or dissatisfied about something.    |
| 5. complain ____ | e. to tell someone about possible danger or bad result        |

Task Two. Read the sentences, choose the correct reporting verb and write it in the simple past tense form in the blanks.

RECOMMEND, APOLOGIZE, ENCOURAGE, THREATEN, ADMIT

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ for being late
2. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ that he had broken the vase.
3. The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ the chef's special
4. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ me to work harder for the exam.
5. The man \_\_\_\_\_ to call the police if we didn't leave.



Task Three. Choose the gerund or the infinitive form of the verb following the reporting verb.

1. He denied \_\_\_\_\_ the money.
2. They invited us \_\_\_\_\_ the night.
3. I begged her \_\_\_\_\_ me.
4. He suggested \_\_\_\_\_ to a museum.
5. She insisted on \_\_\_\_\_ for the dinner.



Task Four. The reporting verbs in these sentence transformations are used with **infinitives**. Read the first sentence and complete the second sentence with the key word in capital letters..

1. "I won't be late," he promised.  
BE  
He promised not \_\_\_\_\_.

2. "Let's meet at seven," they said.  
They agreed \_\_\_\_\_ seven.

3. "I refuse to answer," she said.  
ANSWER  
She refused \_\_\_\_\_.

4. "Don't forget to call," she said.  
NOT  
She reminded me \_\_\_\_\_ to call.

5. "You should see a doctor," he said.  
SEE  
He advised me \_\_\_\_\_.

