

1 VOCABULARY: Reporting verbs

A Circle the correct definitions.

1 confirm

a to say that something is true

b to say that something is strange

2 hope to

a to want something to happen

b to say that something is true

3 announce

a to talk with too much pride about what you have done

b to tell a group of people about something

4 swear

a to say that you are sure something is true

b to pretend you don't know something

B Cross out the word or phrase that is different in meaning.

1 propose

suggest

remove

2 estimate

deceive

guess

3 have doubts about

be uncertain

be certain

4 insist

say firmly

forget

5 deny

accept

oppose



2 GRAMMAR: Reported speech with modal verbs

A Check (✓) the correct sentences. Correct the incorrect sentences. Sentences should be in the past tense.

1 I argued that we will need another month to complete the project. ☐I argued that we would need another month to complete the project.2 They explained that they might not come to the ceremony. ☐3 They confirmed that they won't refund my money. ☐4 We told everyone that they should come to our house early. ☐5 He said he had doubts that he can show up on time. ☐

B Rewrite the second line in each conversation as reported speech. Use a variety of reporting verbs.

1 Guest Do you have any rooms available tonight?

Hotel employee No, sorry. We won't have a room free until tomorrow.

The hotel employee claimed they wouldn't have a room free until tomorrow.

2 Customer I forgot my wallet, so I'm afraid I can't pay the bill.

Waiter That's OK. You can come back tomorrow and pay.

3 Mikhail The subway isn't running. I don't know how I'm going to get to work.

Judi I might be able to help you.