

REPORTING VERBS

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

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| 1. ask ____ | a. to make something clear so another person can understand. |
| 2. explain ____ | b. to recommend something. |
| 3. persuade ____ | c. to request something |
| 4. promise ____ | d. to convince someone to change his/her mind. |
| 5. suggest ____ | e. to tell someone about a possible danger |
| 6. warn ____ | f. to say you will do something. |

Task Two. Read the sentences, choose the correct reporting verb.

1. They _____ me that becoming an actor was difficult.
2. I didn't want to see a horror film but she _____ me to go.
3. I _____ the manager what time the film would start.
4. The teacher _____ how to write a film review.
5. Tom _____ to meet us at the theater.
6. Sarah _____ that the students watch a documentary.

SAY AND TELL

*We use "say" to report what someone says.

"He said the film was amazing."

* We use "tell" when we mention the person who receives the message.

"The director told the actors to be ready."

Task Three. Read the sentences, choose the correct verb.

1. The actor **said** / **told** that the ending was a surprise.
2. My friend **said** / **told** me to buy the tickets online.
3. The director didn't **say** / **tell** anything about changing the scene.
4. Can you **say** / **tell** the audience to turn off their phones?
5. Olivia **said** / **told** she loved the soundtrack.
6. I forgot to **say** / **tell** my parents what time the movie finishes.

