

EXTENSION GRAMMAR. Advanced Grammar for Rural Testimonies

Report the following statements using reported speech. Pay attention to reporting verbs: some require a TO-infinitive form (*advise, warn, promise...*). If you need to report a question, you must delete the question structure since you are not asking any longer.

- María, a 58-year-old craft potter, says: "Our village has lost many young workers in the last decade." → _____
- Julián, a blacksmith, tells a journalist: "I'm trying to modernise my workshop, but it's expensive." → _____
- Elena, a shepherd, comments during an interview: "Tourists don't always understand how hard this job is." → _____
- A local farmer advises to young apprentices: "You should learn how to repair basic machinery." → _____
- A cooperative leader warns the community: "Don't leave the tools outside overnight." → _____
- A shop owner promises during a meeting: "I'll donate part of the profits to the village festival." → _____
- A forestry worker asks a visitor: "Can you close the gate when you leave?" → _____

Complete the sentences with a logical adverb of deduction: *clearly, obviously, certainly, apparently...*

- The bakery has a long queue every morning; it is _____ the most popular shop in town.
- The tractor is still warm; someone has _____ used it recently.
- The new café opened yesterday and it's already full; it will _____ be successful.
- The road is blocked by fallen branches; the storm has _____ caused damage.
- The shepherd looks confused; he has _____ lost track of one of the sheep.

Rewrite the ideas using *far, slightly, or a lot*.

- Traditional markets are disappearing much faster. _____
- Working hours in rural jobs are a bit longer. _____
- The new production method is much more efficient. _____

Respond politely using expressions such as: *I see your point, but..., I agree to some extent..., That may be true, although...*

- A neighbour says: "Technology is destroying traditional jobs."
→ _____
- A shop owner says: "Young people don't want to work in rural areas anymore."
→ _____