

# 8B

## Fake news

A newspaper is a device unable to discriminate between a bicycle accident and the collapse of civilization.  
George Bernard Shaw, Irish author and playwright

G reporting verbs V the media P word stress

### 1 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Circle the correct form.



- 1 I agreed to meet / meeting my old school friend under the clock in the station.
- 2 My husband denied to eat / eating the last cream cake.
- 3 Jane promised to give back / giving back my book the next day.
- 4 The tour guide recommended to visit / visiting the Picasso museum.
- 5 The girl refused to dance / dancing with my friend.
- 6 The police accused him to commit / of committing fraud.
- 7 My boyfriend asked me to take / taking him to the airport.
- 8 The teacher threatened to give / giving them extra homework if they didn't stop talking.
- 9 Nina's parents told her not to be / not being late.
- 10 The woman admitted to steal / stealing the man's watch.

b Complete the sentences reporting the direct speech using a reporting verb from the list.

advise apologize insist invite offer remind suggest warn

- 1 'I really don't think you should leave your job,' Jack's friend told him.  
Jack's friend advised him not to leave his job.
- 2 'I'm going with you to the doctor's, whether you like it or not,' Alice said to me.  
Alice insisted to the doctor's with me, whether I liked it or not.
- 3 'Why don't we go for a walk?' said Katie.  
Katie invited for a walk.
- 4 'Shall I make the lunch?' her husband said.  
Her husband offered the lunch.
- 5 'Don't park there,' the man said to us. 'You'll get a fine.'  
The man warned there or we'd get a fine.
- 6 'I'm sorry I was so rude,' I said.  
I apologized so rude.
- 7 'Would you like to have dinner with me?' Andy asked Sarah.  
Andy invited with him.
- 8 'Don't forget to sign the documents,' my boss told me.  
My boss reminded the documents.



c Write about six things that people have said to you today. Use the reporting verbs from a and b.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 PRONUNCIATION word stress

- a Underline the stressed syllable in the reporting verbs in the list. Then put them in the correct column.

accuse ad|mit ad|vise a|gree con|vince de|ny  
in|sist in|vite o|ffer or|der per|suade pro|mise  
re|fuse re|gret re|mind su|ggest threa|ten

Stress on first syllable	Stress on second syllable
	accuse

- b 8.2 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the reporting verbs.
- c 8.3 Listen and complete the sentences.



- 1 She offered to make the lunch.
  - 2 He tidy his room.
  - 3 They call the police.
  - 4 She come home early.
  - 5 They give me more time.
  - 6 He her for his behaviour.
- d 8.3 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Try to link the verbs and to where appropriate.

## 3 VOCABULARY the media

- a Complete the headlines with a verb from the list that means the same as the verb in brackets.

axed back bids clash hit quit  
quiz rows split tipped vows wed

- 1 TV series axed after drop in audience figures (cut)
- 2 Singer to Brazilian model (marry)
- 3 Minister to after revelations about personal life (resign)
- 4 Police wife after man disappears (question)
- 5 Hollywood stars presidential candidate (support)
- 6 US stock market by new company scandal (badly affected)
- 7 Ex-footballer to win reality show (predicted)
- 8 Government to invest more money in rural areas (promises)
- 9 Prince with brother over treatment of staff (argues)
- 10 Celebrity couple after five years (separate)
- 11 Former lawyer to become country's new President (attempts)
- 12 Players over referee's decision (disagree)





**b Complete the sentences with a media job from the list.**

agony aunt commentator critics  
editor freelance journalist newsreader  
paparazzi presenter reporter



- 1 The paparazzi were waiting outside the restaurant to photograph the princess.
- 2 Have you ever written an email to an \_\_\_\_\_, asking for advice?
- 3 I'm surprised none of the \_\_\_\_\_ liked the film; I thought it was great!
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ got very excited when the first goal was scored.
- 5 A \_\_\_\_\_ at the scene of the crime gave more details about the murder.
- 6 The newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ decided not to print the reporter's story because it was too politically sensitive.
- 7 I've stopped watching that chat show because I can't stand the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Laura writes articles for different newspapers as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 The \_\_\_\_\_ looked very serious when he announced that the president had been shot.

**c Complete the sentences.**

- 1 The newspaper my father reads is biased towards the government.
- 2 It's impossible for a journalist to be ob about a subject on which he holds a strong opinion.
- 3 The article was cen because it was too critical of the President.
- 4 Online papers use sen headlines to make people click on an article and read it.
- 5 The reporter gave an acc description of events; that's exactly how I remember them.



**4 VOCABULARY FROM READING**

Complete the chart with the words in the list according to their meaning.

dubious exaggerated fake false  
legitimate made-up questionable  
reliable reputable untrustworthy

can be trusted	can't be trusted
	<i>dubious</i>
made more dramatic	not true