

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

1 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Circle the correct form.



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

- '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.
- 'I'm going with you to the doctor's, whether you like it or not,' Alice said to me.
Alice _____ to the doctor's with me, whether I liked it or not.
- 'Why don't we go for a walk?' said Katie.
Katie _____ for a walk.
- 'Shall I make the lunch?' her husband said.
Her husband _____ the lunch.
- 'Don't park there,' the man said to us. 'You'll get a fine.'
The man _____ there or we'd get a fine.
- 'I'm sorry I was so rude,' I said.
I _____ so rude.
- 'Would you like to have dinner with me?' Andy asked Sarah.
Andy _____ with him.
- 'Don't forget to sign the documents,' my boss told me.
My boss _____ 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 admit advise agree convince deny
insist invite offer order persuade promise
refuse regret remind suggest threaten

Stress on first syllable	Stress on second syllable
	accuse

- b ⑧ 8.2 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the reporting verbs.
- c ⑧ 8.3 Listen and complete the sentences.



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 objective _____ about a subject on which he holds a strong opinion.
- 3 The article was censor _____ because it was too critical of the President.
- 4 Online papers use sensational _____ headlines to make people click on an article and read it.
- 5 The reporter gave an accurate _____ 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
	dubious
made more dramatic	not true