

Homework:

1. Match the reporting verbs with phrases and questions in direct speech.

admit agree boast congratulate deny
encourage suggest threaten

- 1 'Go on! Enter the competition and you'll win!'
- 2 'OK, I'll pay for the cinema tickets.'
- 3 'I did not write all these negative reviews.'
- 4 'How about watching that horror movie?'
- 5 'Well done on getting your book published!'
- 6 'I'll call the manager if you don't turn off your phone!'
- 7 'Yes, it's true that this is my last film.'
- 8 'We had the very best seats in the theatre!'

2. Match the sentence halves.

Match the sentence halves (1-8) with (A-H).

- 1 My friend's dad offered
- 2 The writer strongly denied
- 3 We finally persuaded
- 4 The reviewer apologised
- 5 Our drama tutor recommended
- 6 The novelist didn't agree
- 7 Andy and his friends boasted
- 8 I wish you'd warned

A stealing the plot from another author.
B with the publisher on having his book televised.
C for including incorrect information on the website.
D me against watching that series. It's addictive.
E to give us a lift to the cinema.
F that we saw the play performed by professionals.
G my sister to watch a horror movie.
H about meeting all the actors after the show.

3. Complete the second sentence using 5 words including the word given.

- 1 'It was me who borrowed the DVD without asking,' my sister said.

ADMITTED

My sister the DVD without asking.

- 2 'We'll sign copies of the book after the reading,' the writers said.

PROMISED

The writers copies of the book after the reading.

- 3 'I won't take the smallest part in the play,' Nick said.

REFUSED

Nick the smallest part in the play.

- 4 'I wrote the best story on the website,' my brother said.

BOASTED

My brother the best story on the website.

4. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 That's typical of / from my sister. She never tidies up, but she's surprising / surprised at how messy her room is.
- 2 I'm similar as / to my mum in looks, but I take after my dad too. We're both interested / clever at making things.
- 3 It's common to be slow for / at picking up a new skill. Once you get dedicated / involved in the activity, it gets easier.
- 4 Being aware to / of other people's needs makes you good / successful in relationships.

5. Read the article and choose the best answer.

Too much TV?

Once people might have been ¹..... of spending the whole weekend in front the TV. Now, thanks to Netflix and TV ²..... demand, that has all changed. Fans can 'binge watch' a whole series and watch it all at once. During one of these sessions, people are ³..... of consuming a month's viewing in a weekend.

According ⁴..... a survey by Netflix, sixty-one percent of a sample of viewers regularly binge watch. But why? Are we really staying up later to watch TV by ⁵.....? Well, the programme makers don't make it easy for us. Scriptwriters are ⁶..... at creating tension at the end of each episode so we want to find out what happens next.

Should we be concerned that people get so ⁷..... to a TV series? Well, a night binge will make you tired, but even ⁸..... day, it can be problematic. Sitting for hours slows your metabolism, leaving you with low energy levels.