## 8 Turn the following sentences into *direct speech*.

1 He said that he had ordered a pizza for dinner.
"I've ordered a pizza for dinner," he said.

2 She said that they had to call their lawyer.

3 The plumber told them that he would go the following day to fix the tap.

4 She told her friend that was the best holiday she had ever had.

5 She asked him why he had said that to her.

6 She told them not to speak to their father like that.

7 He asked the secretary to show him where the manager's office was.

8 She told her son to take his books with him.

### Reporting Verbs

| Reporting verb | Direct speech | Reported speech |
|---|---|---|
| ***to* infinitive** | | |
| offer | "Shall I carry the bags?" | He **offered to carry** the bags. |
| promise | "I promise I'll be back early." | He **promised to be** back early. |
| refuse | "No, I won't buy you a computer." | She **refused to buy** me a computer. |
| **+sb+*to* infinitive** | | |
| advise | "You should see a doctor." | He **advised** me **to see** a doctor. |
| ask | "Could you feed the dog?" | She **asked** me **to feed** the dog. |
| beg | "Please, please help me!" | She **begged** me **to help** her. |
| order | "Go to your room." | She **ordered** me **to go** to my room. |
| warn | "Don't play with matches." | She **warned** me **not to play** with matches. |
| **+*-ing* form** | | |
| suggest | "Let's visit Sally." | "She **suggested visiting** Sally." |
| **+that** | | |
| explain | "I'm going to stay with my sister." | She **explained that** she was going to stay with her sister. |



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# 16 Reported Speech

## 9 Choose a reporting verb and turn the following into *reported speech*.

**~~advised~~ asked suggested ordered explained promised offered refused**

1 "I think you should exercise more," the doctor said to me.
The doctor advised me to exercise more.

2 "I will not answer your questions," the actor said to him.

3 "I really will phone this evening," he said.

4 "Let's go to the cinema," he said to her.

5 "Could you do something for me?" he said to her.

6 "Go to your room immediately and do your homework," she said to her son.

7 "You will be paid twice a month," her boss said.

8 "Would you like me to drive you into town?" she said to me.

## 10 Match the sentences in column A to the correct reporting verb in column B. Then rewrite the sentences in *reported speech* as in the example:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | c | "No, I won't do it," she said. |
| 2 | | "Let's go for a walk," he said. |
| 3 | | "Please, please don't hurt me!" she said to the robber. |
| 4 | | "Don't go near the campfire because it's dangerous," she said to Ben. |
| 5 | | "I'll buy you a bicycle for your birthday," his father said. |

a warn
b beg
c refuse
d promise
e suggest

1 She refused to do it.
2
3
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