

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

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## 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.*

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