

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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:

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| 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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