

Circle the correct verbs to complete the sentences.

- 'OK. I'll feed your cat while you're away,' she ____.
 a advised b agreed c encouraged
- 'You really must stay for dinner,' he ____.
 a asked b admitted c insisted
- 'I'll definitely be there to meet you at the airport,' she ____.
 a begged b promised c suggested
- 'It's dangerous to walk around that part of town at night,' he ____.
 a denied b offered c warned
- 'Is the café still open at this time?' she ____.
 a begged b suggested c wondered
- 'I'm the one who broke your laptop,' he ____.
 a admitted b apologised c persuaded
- 'I could lend you some money,' he ____.
 a denied b proposed c wondered
- 'You'd better say sorry,' she ____.
 a advised b apologised c persuaded

Circle the correct reporting verb to complete the sentences.

- My parents encouraged / proposed me to play an instrument.
- Kate agreed / suggested going out for dinner.
- He denied / refused to tell them his real name.
- She agreed / warned him against going to the party.
- He insisted on / offered paying for the meal.

Circle the correct reporting verb. Then complete the sentences with the infinitive or *-ing* form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 My parents never **encouraged** / **suggested** me (sing) when I was younger.
- 2 Did you **admit** / **apologise** to your teacher for (miss) the class?
- 3 My Spanish friends **mentioned** / **told** (come) to visit us this summer.
- 4 Why are you **accusing** / **blaming** me of (copy) your homework? It isn't true!
- 5 The President has **denied** / **refused** (answer) any more questions on this topic.
- 6 I **begged** / **offered** her (pay) for our train tickets.
- 7 They **denied** / **insisted** (stay) at the party until after midnight.
- 8 My cousin **encouraged** / **refused** me (play) a few songs on the piano.
- 9 Why did you **agree** / **insist** on (have) the end-of-term party at our house?
- 10 My parents **begged** / **refused** my sister not (leave) school at sixteen.
- 11 My brother finally **admitted** / **apologised** (tell) everyone my secret.
- 12 Our next door neighbour **accused** / **warned** us of (make) too much noise late at night.

USE OF ENGLISH Complete the text with the missing words.

When I got home, my brother was singing loudly in the kitchen. I asked him ¹ to make so much noise, but he insisted ² singing even louder. I accused him ³ being the worst singer I'd ever heard. Instead of getting cross, he thanked me ⁴ giving him an idea. Then he went upstairs, smiling. I wondered ⁵ asking him what he was doing, but I knew he would refuse ⁶ tell me. Two minutes later, he came downstairs again with a camcorder. He persuaded me ⁷ video him. 'If I'm that bad, we can make money on YouTube,' he told ⁸ .

Complete the sentences using the appropriate verb pattern so each pair has the same meaning. Use the same verb in both sentences, where possible. Use a maximum of three words.

1. She told me that she wouldn't give me any money.
She refused me any money.
2. He told me that he had stolen the car.
He confessed the car.
3. He threatened that he would kill me.
He threatened me.
4. She pretended that she was a doctor, and I believed her.
She pretended a doctor, and I believed her.
5. She said that I should study chemistry at university.
She encouraged chemistry at university.
6. He said it was my fault that the computer was broken.
He blamed the computer.

Use one of the verbs in the box in each of the pairs of sentences. In the first sentence of each pair use a that- clause, in the second, use a to- infinitive or an -ing form.

admit agree decide deny hope promise regret threaten

1. "I'm going to buy the red one.",

She the red one.

She the red one.

2. "I wish I hadn't said that to him"

She that to him.

She that to him.

3. "I'll do it tomorrow. Honest.",

She it the following day.

She it the following day

4. "OK, it was me who spilt the milk",

He the milk.

He the milk.

5. "OK, I'll help them move the furniture.",

He them move the furniture

He them move the furniture

6. "I'll tell the teacher what you said",

She the teacher what I'd said.

She the teacher what I'd said.

7. "It wasn't me who did it."

He it.

He it.

8. "With any luck I'll be with you before dark",

She with us before dark.

She with us before dark.