

REPORTING VERBS

Task One. Match the idioms with the definitions. Write the letter.

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| 1. announce ____ | a. to say you are willing to do or give something to someone. |
| 2. offer ____ | b. to make something clear by giving details or reasons. |
| 3. explain ____ | c. to tell people something officially or publicly |
| 4. warn ____ | d. to say you are unhappy or dissatisfied about something. |
| 5. complain ____ | e. to tell someone about possible danger or bad result |

Task Two. Read the sentences, choose the correct reporting verb and write it in the simple past tense form in the blanks.

RECOMMEND, APOLOGIZE, ENCOURAGE, THREATEN, ADMIT

1. She _____ for being late
2. Tom _____ that he had broken the vase.
3. The waiter _____ the chef's special
4. My parents _____ me to work harder for the exam.
5. The man _____ to call the police if we didn't leave.



Task Three. Choose the gerund or the infinitive form of the verb following the reporting verb.

1. He denied _____ the money.
2. They invited us _____ the night.
3. I begged her _____ me.
4. He suggested _____ to a museum.
5. She insisted on _____ for the dinner.



Task Four. The reporting verbs in these sentence transformations are used with **infinitives**. Read the first sentence and complete the second sentence with the key word in capital letters..

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| 1. "I won't be late," he promised.
BE
He promised not _____. | 4. "Don't forget to call," she said.
NOT
She reminded me _____ to call. |
| 2. "Let's meet at seven," they said.
They agreed _____ seven. | 5. "You should see a doctor," he said.
SEE
He advised me _____. |
| 3. "I refuse to answer," she said.
ANSWER
She refused _____. | |

