

8B GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

- 1 A Remind me to book a taxi to the airport. (**book**)
B We don't need one; Andy's offered _____ us a lift. (**give**)
- 2 A Hi, Tom. I'm surprised to see you here. I didn't think you liked opera.
B I don't, but Delia persuaded me _____ tonight. (**come**)
- 3 A Have the police found the men that robbed the supermarket?
B Apparently, they've arrested one man, but he denies _____ anything to do with it. (**have**)
- 4 A I've always regretted _____ to university. (**not go**)
B Well it's never too late. Why don't you apply?
- 5 A Have the kids been fighting again? Oliver's really upset, but he refuses _____ me why. (**tell**)
B Oh, Harry accused Oliver of _____ one of his toys, and now they aren't speaking to each other. (**break**)
- 6 A Where are you going on holiday this year?
B We haven't decided yet. Molly suggested _____ camping in Scotland, but I'm not very keen. I'd rather go somewhere warmer. (**go**)
- 7 A Someone broke into the car and stole my laptop while I was in the supermarket.
B I warned you _____ it in the car. Have you reported it to the police? (**not leave**)
- 8 A There's a funny smell in the kitchen.
B That's because your dad insisted on _____ curry for dinner and he burnt it. (**make**)

b Complete the sentences using the reporting verb in brackets and a verb from the list.

come ~~cook~~ eat forget keep lose tidy try

- 1 Adam offered to cook dinner for everyone. (**offer**)
- 2 Pablo _____ his room at the weekend. (**promise**)
- 3 Roger _____ for _____ my birthday. (**apologize**)
- 4 Bill _____ me _____ all my money in the bank. (**advise**)
- 5 Sofia _____ the new pizza place. (**suggest**)
- 6 Ruby _____ all the chocolates. (**admit**)
- 7 Mike _____ me _____ to the theatre with him. (**invite**)
- 8 Jamie _____ me for _____ the tickets, but I think he had them. (**blame**)

ACTIVATION

Think of a time when you...

- received some good advice.
- apologized to someone for something.
- offered to help someone.
- advised somebody to do (or not to do) something.
- were blamed for something you didn't do.
- regretted something you did / didn't do.

Make sentences using reported speech. Then compare your sentences with your partner.

My sister advised me to do a course to improve my computer skills. ↷

8B VOCABULARY The media



Read the definitions. Complete the column on the right.

- 1 A word which means when, e.g. a newspaper shows favour towards a certain group or opinion.
B I A S E D
- 2 The title of a newspaper article, usually printed in big letters.
E A I E
- 3 Not influenced by personal opinions or feeling.
O E I E
- 4 Somebody who writes for a newspaper or magazine.
O U A I
- 5 Photographers who follow celebrities and sell the photos they've taken of them.
A A A I
- 6 An adjective used to describe an article that tries to get your interest by presenting facts or events as worse or more shocking than they really are.
S S
- 7 A type of journalist who sells work to different newspapers, but doesn't work for any particular one.
E E A E
- 8 If a newspaper article is considered offensive or immoral it might get **■**.
E O E
- 9 This kind of journalist can help you with your problems if you write to her.
A O A U
- 10 An adjective used to describe a story which has the facts right.
A U A E
- 11 A word used in headlines which means the same as an argument.
O
- 12 A word used in headlines which means the same as disagree.
c
- 13 A journalist who expresses opinions about music, books, films, etc.
I I
- 14 A person who works on the radio and describes, e.g. a sporting event while it's happening.
O E A O
- 15 A person who works on TV and introduces a programme.
E E E
- 16 This person decides what goes into a newspaper and what shouldn't.
E I O

ACTIVATION

Test your partner. Student **A** read clues 1–8 and Student **B** (page face down) guess the words. Then change roles for 9–16.