

★ ALL STARS ★ EXTRA VERBS



Do you know these reporting verbs?

admit • announce • argue • complain • deny • insist • promise

Report the sentences using the reporting verbs below and that.

1) Ian said 'I didn't leave the door open.'

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2) 'I think it would be dangerous to go out in this weather,' said George.

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3) Molly said, 'The traffic is so noisy that I can't hear myself think!'

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4) 'I've decided to dye my hair orange,' said Mike.

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5) 'Don't worry. I definitely won't tell anyone your secret,' Laura told me.

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6) Jackie said, 'This can't be my bag because it's the wrong colour.'

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7) 'Yes, it was me who took the money,' said Fred.

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Listen and match the speakers with the reported speech.

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a She _____ that the weather was too hot.

b She _____ that the weather was too hot.

c She _____ that she would be late.

d She _____ that she wouldn't be late.

e She _____ that she was ill.

f She _____ that she was ill.

g She _____ that it was too expensive.

h She _____ that it was too expensive.



Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1) to / for / invited / lunch / them / they / us / join

2) helping / escape / to / denied / thieves / he / the

3) into / on / lift / she / me / insisted / town / giving / a

4) that / picnic / have / suggested / should / a / Jo / we

5) Ned / losing / me / tickets / blamed / for / our

6) tomorrow / that / to / me / she / promised / lend / DVD

7) advised / go / not / doctor / running / the / him / to

8) answer / that / didn't / admitted / she / Nina / the / know

Report the dialogue in your notebook using appropriate reporting verbs. There may be more than one answer.

Greg *Hi, Katya. I'm so sorry I didn't come to your barbecue yesterday.*

Katya *Actually, I was quite upset about it, Greg.*

Greg *It really wasn't my fault!*

Katya *I won't listen to any more of your lies, Greg.*

Greg *But I couldn't come because I broke my wrist and had to go to the hospital!*

Katya *Oh, I see __ Well, why don't you come over this afternoon?*

Greg *Great – and I'll definitely be there this time!*

Katya *OK. Oh, and don't forget to bring birthday present with you!*

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