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Reporting Verbs

TASK A. Change the sentences into reported speech. Use the reporting verbs in the box and a *that* clause.

admit	announce	complain	explain	promise

1. 'I've got too much homework!'

   He complained that he had got too much homework.

2 'I got up early because I had a lot of work to do.'

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3 'My sister's going to have a baby.'

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4 'I won't tell anyone your secret.'

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5 'I broke the vase in the living room.'

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TASK B. Decide which option does not fit in each sentence.

1 The manager ..... that we finish work early.

a) proposed b) suggested c) ~~told~~

2 George ..... to us that he had found a new job.

a) added b) explained c) announced

3 My uncle ..... me to accompany him to New York.

a) invited b) asked c) warned

4 Henry ..... taking the bus into town.

a) advised b) agreed c) suggested

5 Harry ..... writing the anonymous email.

a) admitted b) refused c) apologized for

TASK C. Complete the sentences using the appropriate verb pattern so each pair has the same meaning. Use the same verb in both sentences

1. **He threatened that he would kill me.**

   He threatened _____ me.

2. **She pretended that she was a doctor, and I believed her.**

   She pretended _____ a doctor, and I believed her.

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3. She said that I should study chemistry at university.

   She encouraged _____ chemistry at university.

4. He asked me again and again if I would go out with him.

   He begged_____ out with him.

5. He agreed that he would do the washing up.

   He agreed _____ the washing up.

6. He told me that I had to tidy my bedroom.

   He ordered _____ my bedroom.

7. He asked me if I could open the window.

   He asked _____ the window.

8. She said I shouldn't get angry.

   She advised _____me angry.

9. He told me not to forget to bring my swimming costume.

   He reminded _____ my swimming costume.

10. I asked him if he wanted to come to my party.

    I invited _____ to my party.

TASK D. Report the sentences using the verbs in the box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible, but you should use each verb only once.

apologise	*demand*	*deny*	*order*
refuse	*remind*	*suggest*	

1. 'Go to your room this instant,' my dad said to me.

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2 'Don't forget to phone me this evening,' Sarah said to Clare.

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3 'I won't lend you my pink jacket,' said Amy to Sandra.

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4 'Why don't we go and see a film?' said Dave.

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5 'I'm sorry I lost my temper,' said Robert.

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