REPORTING VERBS

A) Mark the correct verb in each pair:

1) My teacher *advised / recommended* me to go abroad to study.
2) Peter *told / said* me that he wanted to get married and settle down.
3) I *denied / refused* to tell Paul what I had done the previous night.
4) Julia *admitted / informed* that she had been out with Ben.
5) My mother *blamed / accused* me of breaking her favourite vase.
6) My girlfriend *insisted / agreed* to come to the airport with me.
7) Sandra *threatened / warned* to tell Richard what I had said.
8) Tania *suggested / persuaded* going for a pizza after the film.

B) Match the sentences 1 to 10 to an appropriate reporting verb in a to j and rewrite them in reported speech:

[a] 1) Would you like to come to my house for lunch?

[ ] 2) I'm really sorry I missed your birthday party.

[ ] 3) I'll definitely be at the wedding.

[ ] 4) Don't go out with Ken!

[ ] 5) I'll help you write the invitations.

[ ] 6) If you go to the Oasis Club again, I'll tell your father.

[ ] 7) I really didn't invite your ex-boyfriend to the party.

[ ] 8) Why don't you ask Dave out on a date?

[ ] 9) I think you should break off your engagement.

[ ] 10) You told me a lie!

a) Anna invited me to go to her house for lunch.

b) Ruth suggested _____.

c) Denise offered _____.

d) Eve denied _____.

e) Keith threatened _____.

f) Maureen advised _____.

g) Sue apologised _____.

h) Rob accused _____.

i) Richard promised _____.

j) Maria warned _____.

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C) Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1) "I won't tell anyone what you did," George said. PROMISED
George _____ what I had done.

2) "I'll buy the theatre tickets," Peter said. INSISTED
Peter _____ the theatre tickets.

3) "You've broken my watch, Simon!" Alan said. ACCUSED
Alan _____ watch.

4) "Don't leave the mountain footpath, Paul!" Pat said. WARNED
Pat _____ leave the mountain footpath.

5) "Would you like to go to a concert this weekend, David?" Maria asked. INVITED
Maria _____ go to a concert that weekend.

6) "We haven't reserved a seat for you, I'm afraid," he said. ADMITTED
He _____ reserved me a seat.

7) "I'm sorry about the mistake I made," John said. APOLOGISED
John _____ a mistake.

8) "You mustn't work so hard," said the doctor to Phil. NOT
The doctor advised _____ hard.

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