

ADVANCED REPORTED SPEECH

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7. Error Correction

Correct the mistakes.

1. He suggested me to take a taxi. _____
2. She told that she was busy. _____
3. They advised to leave early. _____
4. He denied to steal the phone. _____
5. She promised me helping with the project. _____

8. Personal Practice

A. Report these statements using different reporting verbs.

1. A friend said to you: “You should apply for that job.”
   → _____
2. Your teacher said: “Don’t forget to bring your books tomorrow.”
   → _____
3. Someone said: “I didn’t break the window.”
   → _____
4. A colleague said: “Let’s have lunch together.”
   → _____

B. Write 4 original reported speech sentences about real conversations you have had recently.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

9. Speaking – Work with a partner

Take turns reporting short conversations.

One student says something → the other reports it using a more advanced reporting verb.

Possible situations:

- Giving advice
- Making a suggestion
- Warning someone
- Making a promise
- Refusing a request
- Admitting a mistake

Example

A: “You should really rest more.”

B: “She advised me to rest more.”

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10. Quick Review – Circle the correct option

1. She _____ going to the cinema.
   a) suggested b) told c) ordered
2. He _____ me not to touch the cables.
   a) suggested b) warned c) offered
3. They _____ to help us move house.
   a) refused b) admitted c) offered
4. She _____ that she had lost the keys.
   a) told b) admitted c) advised

Well done!

You can now report speech more naturally and accurately using a wider range of verbs and patterns.

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Answer Key

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1. He suggested (that) I take / taking a taxi.
2. She said / told me that she was busy.
3. They advised us / me to leave early.
4. He denied stealing / that he had stolen the phone.
5. She promised to help me with the project. / She promised me she would help…

10. Quick Review

1. a) suggested
2. b) warned
3. c) offered
4. b) admitted

Notes for open activities (8 & 9)
Answers will vary. Accept any grammatically correct reported speech using appropriate reporting verbs and patterns.

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