

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 when I was younger. (**not go**)
B Well it's never too late. Why don't you apply?
- 5 A Have the kids been arguing again? Oliver's really upset, but he refuses _____ me why. (**tell**)
B Oh, Harry's 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 _____ on a cruise, but I always get seasick. (**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 Andy _____ his room at the weekend. (**promise**)
- 3 Roger _____ to call. (**apologize**)
- 4 Bill _____ his father _____ all of his money in the bank. (**advise**)
- 5 Kathy _____ the new pizza place. (**suggest**)
- 6 Ruby _____ all of the chocolates. (**admit**)
- 7 Mike _____ me _____ to the theatre with him. (**invite**)
- 8 Jamie _____ us _____ the match. (**blame**)

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c Think of a time when you...

- received some good advice. *My sister advised me to do a course to improve my computer skills.*
- apologized to someone.
- offered to help someone.
- made a suggestion.
- 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.

SOLUTIONS OF GRAMMAR 8B

REPORTING VERBS

A)

1 to give

2 to come

3 having / having had

4 not going / not having gone

5 to tell; breaking

6 going

7 not to leave

8 malking

B)

2 promised to clean

3 apologized for forgetting

4 advised (his father) not to put

5 suggested trying

6 admitted eating

7 invited (me) to come

8 blamed (us) for losing