

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. (not go)
B Well, it's never too late. Why don't you apply?
- 5 A** Have the kids been fighting again? Oliver's really upset, but he refuses _____ me why. (tell)
B Oh, Harry 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. Mila suggested _____ camping in Scotland, but I'm not very keen. I'd rather go somewhere warmer. (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** Pablo _____ his room at the weekend. (promise)
- 3** Kofi _____ for _____ my birthday. (apologize)
- 4** Bill _____ me _____ all my money in the bank. (advise)
- 5** Sofia _____ the new pizza place. (suggest)
- 6** Armita _____ all the chocolates. (admit)
- 7** Micah _____ me _____ to the theatre with him. (invite)
- 8** Jamie _____ me for _____ the tickets, but I think he had them. (blame)

ACTIVATION

Think of a time when you...

- received some good advice.
- apologized to someone for something.
- offered to help someone.
- advised somebody to do (or not to do) something.
- 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 a partner.

My sister advised me to do a course to improve my computer skills.