

Reporting Verbs (CEFR B2-C1)

Practice Exercises

Part 1 – Choose the Best Reporting Verb

Choose the most appropriate reporting verb.

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| 1. "I'll drive you to the airport if you like."
a) refuse
b) offer
c) deny | 6. "You really ought to back up your files."
a) advise
b) deny
c) agree |
| 2. "Yes, I'll keep your secret."
a) promise
b) suggest
c) warn | 7. "Be careful. The path is very slippery."
a) warn
b) order
c) suggest |
| 3. "Yes, I'll help you move those boxes."
a) admit
b) agree
c) order | 8. "Your interview is tomorrow morning."
a) threaten
b) remind
c) recommend |
| 4. "No, I'm not signing that contract."
a) refuse
b) apologise
c) recommend | 9. "You can do it! Just believe in yourself."
a) encourage
b) refuse
c) admit |
| 5. "If you touch my bike again, I'll call the police."
a) encourage
b) threaten
c) remind | 10. "Return to your positions immediately."
a) tell
b) order
c) suggest |

Part 2 – Rewrite Using the Reporting Verb

Rewrite the sentences using the reporting verb in brackets.

1. "I'll lend you my notes." (offer)

2. "I'll never tell anyone what happened." (promise)

3. "Yes, we'll meet you outside the station." (agree)

4. "No, I'm not eating that." (refuse)

5. "If you publish those photos, I'll sue you." (threaten)

6. "You should check the train times before you leave." (advise)

7. "Don't leave your bag unattended." (warn)

8. "Don't forget to charge your phone tonight." (remind)

9. "You should definitely enter the competition." (encourage)

10. "Wait here until I come back." (tell)

11. "Everyone must leave the building immediately." (order)

12. "Yes, I accidentally deleted the file." (admit)

13. "No, I never saw him before." (deny)

14. "I'm sorry for interrupting your presentation." (apologise)

15. "Let's book the tickets today." (suggest)

16. "You should watch that documentary. It's very interesting." (recommend)

Part 3 – Correct the Mistakes

1. She advised to book the tickets early.

2. He suggested us to take a taxi.

3. They recommended us to visit the museum.

4. She admitted break the window.

5. He denied to steal the laptop.

6. My brother reminded buy some bread.

7. Our coach encouraged us practising every day.

8. The manager ordered the employees leaving the office.

9. She apologised breaking my glasses.

10. He threatened calling the police.

Part 4 – Choose an Appropriate Reporting Verb

Rewrite each sentence using **your own choice** of reporting verb.

1. "I've made a terrible mistake."

2. "Don't forget to submit your assignment before Friday."

3. "Why don't we invite Emma to the party?"

4. "You'd be brilliant at teaching."

5. "Remember to lock the front door."

6. "Don't walk across the ice."

7. "I'm not going to change my mind."

8. "I'll pay for dinner tonight."

Part 5 – Advanced Practice

Rewrite the sentences using **having + past participle** where appropriate.

Example:

He admitted losing his passport.

→ He admitted having lost his passport.

1. She admitted forgetting his birthday.

2. They denied damaging the fence.

3. He apologised for waking everyone up.

4. She admitted sending the email to the wrong person.

Part 6 – Challenge

Complete the sentences naturally.

1. The teacher advised _____
2. My friend suggested _____
3. The witness admitted _____
4. The receptionist reminded _____
5. My parents encouraged _____
6. The police officer ordered _____
7. The doctor warned _____
8. The company promised _____