

# 8B

## Fake news

A newspaper is a device unable to discriminate between a bicycle accident and the collapse of civilization.  
George Bernard Shaw, Irish author and playwright

G reporting verbs V the media P word stress

### 1 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Circle the correct form.



- 1 I agreed to meet / meeting my friend next to the information kiosk at Grand Central Terminal.
- 2 My husband denied to eat / eating the last piece of cake.
- 3 Jane promised to return / returning my book the next day.
- 4 The tour guide recommended to visit / visiting the Picasso Museum.
- 5 The girl refused to dance / dancing with my friend.
- 6 The police accused him to commit / of committing fraud.
- 7 My boyfriend asked me to take / taking him to the airport.
- 8 The teacher threatened to give / giving them extra homework if they didn't stop talking.
- 9 Nina's parents told her not to be / not being late.
- 10 The woman admitted to steal / stealing the man's watch.

b Complete the sentences reporting the direct speech using a reporting verb from the list.

advise apologize insist invite offer remind suggest warn

- 1 "I really don't think you should leave your job," Jack's friend told him.  
Jack's friend advised him not to leave his job.
- 2 "I'm going with you to the doctor's, whether you like it or not," Alice said to me.  
Alice insisted to the doctor's with me, whether I liked it or not.
- 3 "Why don't we go for a walk?" said Katie.  
Katie invited for a walk.
- 4 "I'll make lunch," her husband said.  
Her husband offered lunch.
- 5 "Don't park there," the man said to us. "You'll get a ticket."  
The man warned there or we'd get a ticket.
- 6 "I'm sorry I was so rude," I said.  
I apologized so rude.
- 7 "Would you like to have dinner with me?" Andy asked Sarah.  
Andy invited with him.
- 8 "Don't forget to sign the documents," my boss told me.  
My boss reminded the documents.



c Write about six things that people have said to you today. Use the reporting verbs from a and b.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 PRONUNCIATION word stress

- a Underline the stressed syllable in the reporting verbs in the list. Then put them in the correct column.

a|c|cuse ad|mit ad|vise a|gree con|vince de|ny  
in|sist in|vite o|ffer or|der per|suade pro|mise  
re|fuse re|gret re|mind sug|gest threat|en

Stress on first syllable	Stress on second syllable
	accuse

- b 8.2 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the reporting verbs.
- c 8.3 Listen and complete the sentences.



- 1 She offered to make lunch.
- 2 He clean his room.
- 3 They call the police.
- 4 She come home early.
- 5 They give me more time.
- 6 He her for his behavior.

- d 8.3 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Try to link the verbs and to where appropriate.

## 3 VOCABULARY the media

- a Complete the headlines with a verb from the list that means the same as the verb in parentheses.

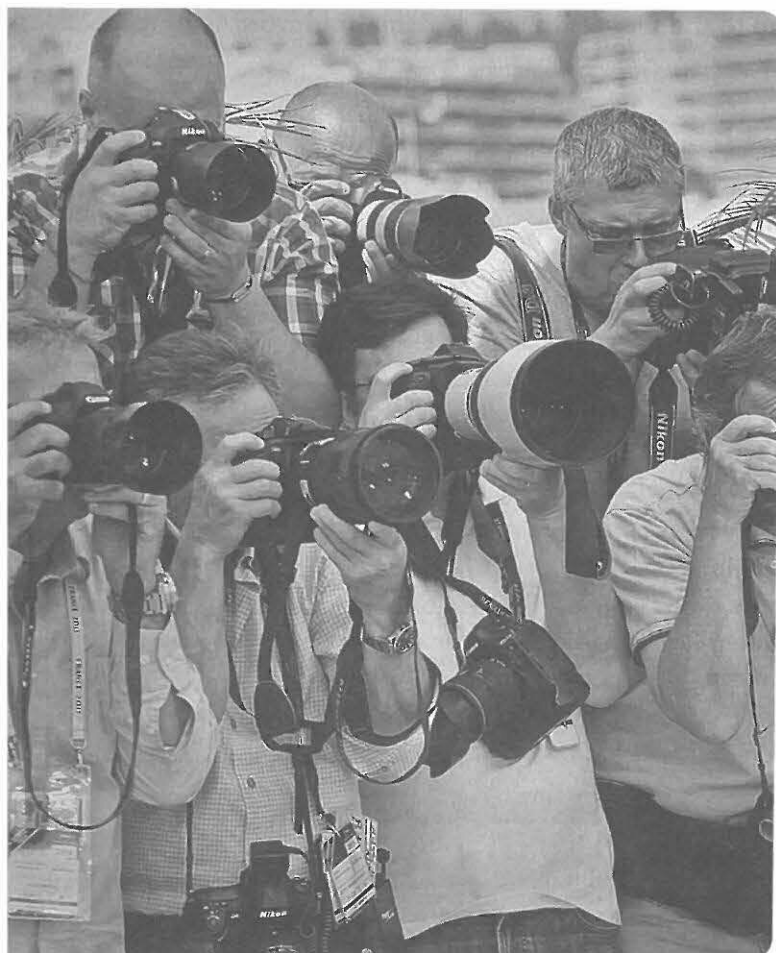
axed back bids clash hit quit  
quiz spat split tabbed vows wed

- 1 TV series axed after drop in audience figures (cut)
- 2 Singer to Brazilian model (marry)
- 3 Senator to after revelations about personal life (resign)
- 4 Police wife after man disappears (question)
- 5 Hollywood stars presidential candidate (support)
- 6 US stock market by new company scandal (badly affected)
- 7 Ex-basketball player to win reality show (predicted)
- 8 Government to invest more money in rural areas (promises)
- 9 TV host fired by ABC in over dress code (argument)
- 10 Celebrity couple after five years (separate)
- 11 Former lawyer to become country's new president (attempts)
- 12 Players over referee's decision (disagree)



**b Complete the sentences with a media job from the list.**

advice columnist critics editor  
freelance journalist host newscaster  
paparazzi reporter sports commentator



- 1 The paparazzi were waiting outside the restaurant to photograph the movie star.
- 2 Have you ever written an email to an \_\_\_\_\_, asking for advice?
- 3 I'm surprised none of the \_\_\_\_\_ liked the movie; I thought it was great!
- 4 The sports \_\_\_\_\_ got very excited when the first goal was scored.
- 5 A \_\_\_\_\_ at the scene of the crime gave more details about the murder.
- 6 The newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ decided not to print the reporter's story because it was too politically sensitive.
- 7 I stopped watching that show because I can't stand the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 Laura writes articles for different newspapers as a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 The \_\_\_\_\_ was very embarrassed when he couldn't pronounce the politician's name.

**c Complete the sentences.**

- 1 The newspaper my father reads is biased towards the government.
- 2 It's impossible for a journalist to be ob\_\_\_\_\_ about a subject on which he or she holds a strong opinion.
- 3 The article was cen\_\_\_\_\_ so as not to give away any military secrets.
- 4 Online papers use sen\_\_\_\_\_ headlines to make people click on an article and read it.
- 5 The reporter gave an acc\_\_\_\_\_ description of events; that's exactly how I remember them.



**4 VOCABULARY FROM READING**

Complete the chart with the words in the list according to their meaning.

doctored exaggerated fake false  
improbable legitimate misleading  
reliable reputable untrustworthy

can be trusted	can't be trusted

made more dramatic	not true
	<i>doctored</i>