## Reporting verbs: Activity 1

Read Grammar Bank 8B. Then choose the correct answers. Listen and check.

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| Grammar Bank  **8B** reporting verbs  **structures after reporting verbs** EXAMPLES 1 Jack **offered to drive** me to the airport.      I **promised not to tell** anybody.  2 The doctor **advised me to rest.**    I **persuaded my sister not to go out** with Max.  3 I **apologized for being** so late.     The police **accused Karl of stealing** the car. FORM   * To report what other people have said, we can use *say* or a specific verb, e.g.,  *"I’ll drive you to the airport."* *Jack said he would drive me to the airport.* **OR**  *Jack offered to drive me to the airport.* * After specific reporting verbs, there are three different grammatical patterns (1–3 in the chart). * In negative sentences, we use the negative infinitive (*not to do*) or the negative gerund (*not doing*), e.g.,  *He reminded me not to be late.*  *She regretted not going to the party.* * In group 3, we can use a perfect gerund with very little difference in meaning, e.g.,  *He admitted stealing the money.*  *He admitted having stolen the money*   **Grammatical patterns after reporting verbs**  **1** reporting verb + infinitive  e.g., *agree / offer / refuse / promise / threaten (not) to do something* **2**   reporting verb + person + infinitive  e.g.,*advise / persuade / ask / remind / convince / tell / encourage / warn / invite somebody (not) to do something* **3**  reporting verb + -*ing* form e.g., *apologize (to somebody) for / insist on / accuse somebody of / recommend / admit / regret / blame somebody for / suggest / deny (not) doing something*  **Verbs that use a *that* clause**  With *agree*, *admit*, *deny*, *promise*, and *regret*, you can also use *that* + clause.  *Leo admitted stealing the watch.*  *Leo admitted that he had stolen the watch* |

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| 1.  Jamie insisted on paying / to pay for the meal.  2.  Lauren has agreed to work / working late next week.  3.  I warned Suki not to walk / not walking through the park at night.  4.  The man admitted stealing / to steal the woman’s handbag.  5.  The doctor advised Luisa to give up / giving up drinking coffee.  6.  The boss persuaded Ji-Su not leaving / not to leave the company.  7.  Freya accused me of to try / trying to steal her phone.  8.  I apologized to Sofia for not to remember / not remembering her birthday.  9.  Were you able to convince your parents coming / to come tonight instead of tomorrow?  10.  My neighbor denies damaging / to damage my car, but I’m sure it was him. |  |

## Reporting verbs: Activity 2

Read Grammar Bank 8B. Then complete the sentences using a reporting verb from the list and the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Use an object where necessary. Then listen and check.

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| **accuse   invite   promise   recommend   refuse   remind   suggest   threaten** **1.** Ryan said, "Let’s go for a walk. It’s a beautiful day."      Ryan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a walk. (go)  **2.** "You copied Anna’s exam!" the teacher said to Ken.      The teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Anna’s exam. (copy)  **3.** Sam’s neighbor told him, "I’ll call the police if you have another party."     Sam’s neighbor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the police if he had another party. (call)  **4.** The children said, "We aren’t going to bed. It’s much too early."      The children \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to bed. (go)  **5.** Ramon said to me, "Would you like to have dinner with me?"     Ramon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dinner with him. (have)  **6.** Molly said to Jack, "Don’t forget to call the electrician."      Molly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the electrician. (call)  **7.** Ricky said, "I’ll never do it again."      Ricky \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it again. (do)  **8.** Sarah said, "You really must try Giacobazzi’s. It’s a fantastic restaurant."      Sarah \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Giacobazzi’s. She said it was fantastic. (try) |  |

**The media: Activity 1**

Match the bold "headline verbs" with their meaning.

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| have been cut argument is going to attempt disagree  promises has been badly affected supports question |

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| 1. President **backs** senator in latest scandal |  |
| 2. Thousands of jobs **axed** by US companies |  |
| 3. Stock market **hit** by oil fears |  |
| 4. Astronaut **bids** to be first man on Mars |  |
| 5. Politicians **clash** over new car tax proposal |  |
| 6. Tennis star **vows** to avenge defeat |  |
| 7. Police **quiz** witness in murder trial |  |
| 8. Famous actress in restaurant bill **spat** |  |

**The media: Activity 2**

Match the words and definitions. Then listen and check.

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| host editor reporter advice columnist  critic paparazzi freelance journalist  sports commentator newscaster |  |

1.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person who writes (a review) about the good / bad qualities of books, concerts, theater, movies, etc.

2.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person who describes a sports event while it’s happening on TV or radio

3.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person who collects and reports news for newspapers, radio, or TV

4.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person who is in charge of a newspaper or magazine, or part of one, and who decides what should be in it

5.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person who introduces a television or radio show, and talks to guests

6.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person who writes articles for different papers and is not employed by any one paper

7.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person who reads the news on TV or radio

8.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ photographers who follow famous people around to get photos to sell to newspapers and magazines

9.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a person in a newspaper or magazine giving advice to people in reply to their letters

**The media: Activity 3**

Look at the bold adjectives and match the sentences. Then listen and check.

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| **1.** \_\_\_  The reporting in the paper was very **sensational**. **2.** \_\_\_  The news on Channel 12 is really **biased**. **3.** \_\_\_  I think *The New York Times* is the most **objective** of the Sunday papers.  **4.** \_\_\_  The movie review was very **accurate**.  **5.** \_\_\_  I think the report was **censored**. **A**  It said the plot was poor but the acting good, which was true.  **B** It bases its stories just on facts, not on feelings or beliefs.  **C**  The newspaper wasn’t allowed to publish all the details.  **D** It made the story seem more shocking than it really was.  **E** You can’t believe anything you hear on it. It’s obvious what political party they support! |  |

**Word stress: Activity 1**

Listen and choose the verbs that are stressed on the first syllable. Then listen again and repeat.

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| * a|ccuse * 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 |  |

**Word stress: Activity 2**

Complete the sentences with the simple past form of a reporting verb from the list. Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat.

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| accuse    admit    advise   agree   deny   inviteoffer   promise    refuse  regret    remind   suggest |  |

## 1.   "*Shall I make some coffee?"*   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make some coffee. 2.   "*No, I won't go*."   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to go. 3.   "*OK, I'll help you*."   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to help me. 4.   "*I'll call you. Believe me*."  He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to call me. 5.   "*Remember to lock the door."*   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me to lock the door. 6.   "*You should buy a new car*."   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me to buy a new car. 7.   "*Would you like to have dinner?"*   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me to have dinner. 8.   "*I didn't break the window*."  He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ breaking the window. 9.   "*Yes, it was me. I stole the money*."   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ stealing the money. 10. "*I wish I hadn't married Susan*."   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marrying Susan. 11. "*Let's go to a club*."   He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ going to a dance club. 12. "*You stole the laptop*."   The police \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ him of stealing the laptop.

## Paparazzi: Activity 1

Listen to an interview with Jennifer Buhl, one of the paparazzi who work in the Hollywood area. Choose the correct answers.

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1. Brad Pitt \_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * doesn't like having his children photographed
   * doesn't think the paparazzi are really that bad
   * frequently pushes paparazzi cameras away
2. Britney Spears and Lindsey Lohan \_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * often work together with the paparazzi
   * buy the photos the paparazzi have taken of them
   * refuse to have their photo taken unless they're looking their best
3. Julia Roberts and Kate Bosworth \_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * don't like having their photos being taken
   * earn a lot of money from photos taken by paparazzi
   * are frequently photographed by paparazzi
4. Paris Hilton \_\_\_\_\_\_.
   * left prison carrying a copy of the Bible
   * paid Jennifer Buhl a lot of money to take her photo
   * was in a photo that made a lot of money for Jennifer Buhl

## Paparazzi: Activity 2

Listen to the interview again. Which of the statements below does Jennifer Buhl say during the interview? Choose *Yes* or *No*. You can read the audio script to help you.



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| Interviewer Brad Pitt said recently, "They call my kids by their names. They shove cameras in their faces. I really believe there should be a law against it." He was talking, of course, about paparazzi. But are the paparazzi really as bad as Brad Pitt says they are? Today in the studio with me is Jennifer Buhl, who is an actual – is it paparazzi or paparazzo?  Jennifer Buhl Paparazzo for a man, paparazza for a woman. Paparazzi is the plural.  Interviewer So Jennifer are you good, bad, or in between?  Jennifer Well, I think I’m a good girl. But some people would probably not like me.  Interviewer A lot of people say there’s a working relationship between celebrities and paparazzi. Would you say that was true? That celebrities actually tell you where they’re going to be?  Jennifer Yes, of course. That happens all the time. But I think that’s what a lot of the public doesn’t realize. You know, people shout at us and insult us when there’s a big crowd of us around, let’s say, Britney Spears or Lindsay Lohan. I just want to tell them that they called us. And, after we’ve sold the photos, we split the money between the stars and us.  Interviewer I’ve often thought that must be true. I mean, nobody just goes to the gym with their hair done and make-up on unless they’re actually expecting to be photographed.  Jennifer Exactly. But don’t get me wrong, it’s not like all the celebrities want to be photographed. If a celebrity wants to go out and avoid the paparazzi, it’s pretty easy to do. Celebrities that don’t like it rarely get photographed; they very rarely get photographed.  Interviewer Give me some example of celebrities who genuinely don’t want to be photographed? Like, who really hates it?  Jennifer Julia Roberts hates it. Kate Bosworth hates it.  Interviewer Are photos of them worth more money if they hate it? Jennifer It depends. No, not necessarily. Because they don’t get photographed often, then nobody sees them in magazines, and they lose interest in them. Because they become boring.  Interviewer What shot have you taken that you got the most money for?  Jennifer Probably one of the shots that sold the best, that I didn’t expect, didn’t even know, was Paris Hilton carrying the Bible right before she went to jail. There were lots of paparazzi there, but I was the only one that got the Bible.  Interviewer Do you think we need stricter laws to keep paparazzi away?  Jennifer There are already enough laws. We don’t need more laws, or anti-paparazzi laws or anything else. There are places where celebrities can go to where they know they won’t be followed, and places where they know they will be.  Interviewer For example?  Jennifer We don’t go into restaurants, we don’t go into stores, and of course we don’t go into people’s homes. That’s private property. But a beach or a park isn’t.  Interviewer So you don’t think that being followed and photographed by the paparazzi is really stressful for celebrities?  Jennifer I think there are only a few people for whom it’s really and truly stressful. I’d say that in most cases the star not only doesn’t mind, but has actually told the paparazzi, "This is where I’m going to be this afternoon." Interviewer Fascinating. Thank you very much for coming in to the studio. Jennifer Buhl everybody! |  |

1. Many celebrities work with the paparazzi.
   * Yes
   * No
2. There are far more male paparazzi than female.
   * Yes
   * No
3. Most celebrities have a favorite paparazzo or paparazza.
   * Yes
   * No
4. It’s easy for celebrities to avoid the paparazzi if they want to.
   * Yes
   * No
5. If celebrities are not photographed, the public become less interested in them.
   * Yes
   * No
6. There is no need to have stricter laws to protect people from paparazzi.
   * Yes
   * No
7. Nowadays many paparazzi use their phones to take photos.
   * Yes
   * No
8. There are some places where paparazzi won’t go to try and get photographs.
   * Yes
   * No
9. Being followed by paparazzi is not stressful for most celebrities.
   * Yes
   * No