

1 Report the messages.

- 'Hello. This is Sam. I'm just leaving home.
See you later.'
Sam left a message. *He said he was just leaving home.*
- 'Hi, it's Tom. I need to speak to you.
I'll try again later.'
Tom left a message. He said
- 'Hi, it's Liam. I'm afraid I'm going to be late
because I missed the train.'
Liam left a message. He said
- 'Hello. It's Anna. I've forgotten my keys.
I hope someone will be home at about 6!'
Anna left a message. She said
- This is Jack. I'm afraid I can't pick you up
because I haven't got the car. Speak later.
Jack left a message. He said

2 Put the reporting verbs in the right column.

advise claim deny encourage
persuade promise recommend
refuse suggest

doing	(not) to do	someone (not) to do
deny		

3 Tick the sentence, a or b, which best reports the first sentence.

- 'I won't go.'
a She refused to go. ☒
b She promised to go. ☐
- 'I didn't see him'
a She refused to see him. ☐
b She denied seeing him. ☐
- 'You should apologise.'
a She advised me to apologise. ☐
b She warned me to apologise. ☐
- 'I won't be late.'
a She promised not to be late. ☐
b She claimed not to be late. ☐
- 'Let's go for a walk.'
a She recommended going for a walk. ☐
b She suggested going for a walk. ☐
- 'It's dangerous to swim here.'
a She persuaded us not to swim. ☐
b She warned us not to swim. ☐

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be book come know
listen steal talk

- Where's Will? He promised *not to be* late again.
- He claims all about computers, but I don't believe him.
- He suggested our flights on the internet.
- I refuse to him unless he apologises.
- The thief denied the old woman's money.
- See if you can persuade Molly to the party.
- If you want to improve your English, I recommend to podcasts.