

1 Circle the correct answer, a or b.

- Susie to eating rest of the chocolate cake.
a admitted b apologised
- They to be communicating with aliens.
a persuaded b claimed
- I to help my brother with his maths homework.
a offered b denied
- My teacher me to apply to university.
a confessed b advised
- I for saying such horrible things.
a apologised b asked
- The politician lying to the public.
a denied b persuaded

2 Choose the correct verb forms.

- She asked me to go / going to the party with her.
- The young man denied *stealing* / to steal the car.
- They persuaded me to buy / to buy me them a big bar of chocolate.
- He claimed to know / had known nothing about the robbery.
- She apologised for reading / read my diary.
- The gang confessed to breaking / broken into more than a hundred homes.
- I offered to do / doing the shopping for my grandmother.
- He admitted to posted / posting horrible messages on my Facebook page.
- They advised to save / me to save money.

3 Put the reporting verbs from Exercise 3 into the correct place in the table.

verb + infinitive	verb + gerund	verb + person + infinitive
		<i>asked</i>

4 Rewrite the sentences using the reporting verbs in the box.

offered denied confessed
apologised claimed advised

- 'I'm the best golfer in the world,' Jack said.
Jack claimed that he was the best golfer in the world.
- 'I'll help you carry that box if you like,' Graham said.
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- 'I'm so sorry I broke your vase,' Katherine said.
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- 'I stole five pounds from your wallet,' said Christie.
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- 'I didn't go to the cinema,' said Julia.
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- 'If I were her, I would take the job,' said Karl.
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