

## Reporting verbs (suggest, advise, recommend, etc.)

**Task 1: Read the text and choose the correct option, A, B or C.**

Sonia's father was a good student, but his dad expected him to join the family business, which was a garage. His teachers, however, suggested 1 \_\_\_ to university. Luckily, they convinced his parents 2 \_\_\_ him to study, and they 3 \_\_\_ to pay for his university course. To thank them, he offered 4 \_\_\_ at the garage during the holidays. So he started working there, but he 5 \_\_\_ to doing all the worst jobs. His dad assured 6 \_\_\_ learning new skills would be good for him.

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| 1. A. to go      | B. that going | C. that he should go |
| 2. A. allow      | B. to allow   | C. allowing          |
| 3. A. agreed     | B. suggested  | C. insisted          |
| 4. A. work       | B. to work    | C. working           |
| 5. A. complained | B. refused    | C. objected          |
| 6. A. him that   | B. that       | C. to him that       |

**Task 2: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box. Add any other words you may need.**

- I warned you \_\_\_\_\_ the customers in the shop or they would leave!
- Tim insisted \_\_\_\_\_ the report before he went home.
- Molly regretted \_\_\_\_\_ rudely to the manager of the company.
- Donald claimed \_\_\_\_\_ a successful businessman, but he wasn't.
- Max admitted \_\_\_\_\_ money from the company.
- Nancy advised \_\_\_\_\_ a better job, so that's what I did.
- We were all exhausted, but the boss refused \_\_\_\_\_ us take a break after the meeting.
- Her science teacher encouraged \_\_\_\_\_ a biologist.

**Task 3:**

Think about things friends or people in your family have told you recently. Write 5-6 sentences using different reporting verbs. You can use the verbs in the box to help you.

<i>be</i>	<i>become</i>	<i>finish</i>	<i>let</i>	<i>look for</i>	<i>not ignore</i>	<i>speak</i>	<i>steal</i>
<i>admit</i>	<i>advise</i>	<i>agree</i>	<i>apologise for</i>	<i>assure</i>	<i>claim</i>	<i>complain</i>	
<i>decide</i>	<i>deny</i>	<i>explain</i>	<i>inform</i>	<i>insist</i>	<i>object to</i>		
<i>offer</i>	<i>persuade</i>	<i>promise</i>	<i>propose</i>	<i>recommend</i>	<i>refuse</i>		
<i>remind</i>		<i>suggest</i>	<i>threaten</i>	<i>warn</i>			

## ANSWER KEY

## Task 1.

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| 1. C | 2. B | 3. A |
| 4. B | 5. C | 6. A |

## Task 2.

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| 1. not to ignore | 2. on finishing   |
| 3. speaking      | 4. to be          |
| 5. stealing      | 6. me to look for |
| 7. to let        | 8. her to become  |

## Task 3. Example answers

- *My teacher advised me not to fall behind with my homework.*
- *My cousin suggested/recommended that I should study Law.*
- *My mum reminded me to walk our dog.*
- *My brother complained that he had too much homework.*
- *My friend apologised for forgetting my birthday.*