

## 8B GRAMMAR reporting verbs

**a** Complete each sentence with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

- 1 A Remind me to book a taxi to the airport. (book)  
B We don't need one, Andy's offered \_\_\_\_\_ us a ride. (give)
- 2 A Hi, Tom. I'm surprised to see you here. I didn't think you liked opera.  
B I don't, but Camila persuaded me \_\_\_\_\_ tonight. (come)
- 3 A Have the police found the men that robbed the supermarket?  
B Apparently, they've arrested one man, but he denies \_\_\_\_\_ anything to do with it. (have)
- 4 A I've always regretted \_\_\_\_\_ to college when I was younger. (not go)  
B Well, it's never too late. Why don't you apply?
- 5 A Have the kids been arguing again? Chen's really upset, but he refuses \_\_\_\_\_ me why. (tell)  
B Oh, Harry's accused Chen of \_\_\_\_\_ one of his toys, and now they aren't speaking to each other. (break)
- 6 A Where are you going on vacation this year?  
B We haven't decided yet. Keiko suggested \_\_\_\_\_ on a cruise, but I always get seasick. (go)
- 7 A Someone broke into the car and stole my laptop while I was in the supermarket.  
B I warned you \_\_\_\_\_ it in the car. Have you reported it to the police? (not leave)
- 8 A There's a funny smell in the kitchen.  
B That's because your dad insisted on \_\_\_\_\_ curry for dinner and he burned it. (make)

**b** Complete the sentences using the reporting verb in parentheses and a verb from the list.

come cook eat forget keep lose clean try

- 1 Adam offered to cook dinner for everyone. (offer)
- 2 Andy \_\_\_\_\_ his room at the weekend. (promise)
- 3 Sofia \_\_\_\_\_ to call. (apologize)
- 4 Bill \_\_\_\_\_ his father \_\_\_\_\_ all of his money in the bank. (advise)
- 5 Kathy \_\_\_\_\_ the new pizza place. (suggest)
- 6 Amir \_\_\_\_\_ all of the chocolates. (admit)
- 7 Mike \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ to the theater with him. (invite)
- 8 Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ the game. (blame)

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**c** Think of a time when you...

- received some good advice. My sister advised me to take a class to improve my computer skills.
- apologized to someone.
- offered to help someone.
- made a suggestion.
- were blamed for something you didn't do.
- regretted something you did / didn't do.

Make sentences using reported speech. Then compare your sentences with your partner.