

⇒ ELTE Reporting verbs quiz 214

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1. Direct: "I can't finish the report by Friday," Emma said.
Emma _____ that she couldn't finish the report by Friday.
- ☐ (A) warned
 - ☐ (B) admitted
 - ☐ (C) suggested
 - ☐ (D) refused
2. Direct: "We've made a serious mistake," the manager said.
The manager _____ that they had made a serious mistake.
- ☐ (A) denied
 - ☐ (B) insisted
 - ☐ (C) admitted
 - ☐ (D) demanded
3. Direct: "I definitely didn't leak the information," Tom said.
Tom _____ that he had leaked the information.
- ☐ (A) denied
 - ☐ (B) admitted
 - ☐ (C) complained
 - ☐ (D) promised
4. Direct: "I'll help you with the presentation tomorrow," Susan said.
Susan _____ to help me with the presentation the following day.
- ☐ (A) suggested
 - ☐ (B) offered
 - ☐ (C) warned
 - ☐ (D) accused

5. Direct: "You should talk to your tutor about the problem," Jack said.
Jack _____ talking to my tutor about the problem.

- ☐ (A) refused
- ☐ (B) denied
- ☐ (C) recommended
- ☐ (D) threatened

6. Direct: "Have you finished the assignment?" the teacher asked me.
The teacher _____ me whether I had finished the assignment.

- ☐ (A) reminded
- ☐ (B) asked
- ☐ (C) warned
- ☐ (D) persuaded

7. Direct: "Why are you leaving so early?" my colleague asked.
My colleague _____ why I was leaving so early.

- ☐ (A) wondered
- ☐ (B) ordered
- ☐ (C) suggested
- ☐ (D) insisted

8. Direct: "Could you send me the documents by lunchtime?" the client asked.
The client _____ me to send the documents by lunchtime.

- ☐ (A) denied
- ☐ (B) accused
- ☐ (C) requested
- ☐ (D) threatened

9. Direct: "Please wait outside," the receptionist said to us.
The receptionist _____ us to wait outside.

- ☐ (A) reminded
- ☐ (B) persuaded
- ☐ (C) told
- ☐ (D) warned

10. Direct: "Remember to lock the door," my father said.

My father _____ me to lock the door.

- ☐ (A) reminded
- ☐ (B) refused
- ☐ (C) denied
- ☐ (D) accused

11. Direct: "Take an umbrella with you," she said to me.

She _____ me to take an umbrella with me.

- ☐ (A) admitted
- ☐ (B) advised
- ☐ (C) denied
- ☐ (D) accused

12. Direct: "Don't touch the equipment," the technician said to us.

The technician _____ us not to touch the equipment.

- ☐ (A) warned
- ☐ (B) offered
- ☐ (C) suggested
- ☐ (D) promised

13. Direct: "Please don't tell anyone about this," Maria said to me.

Maria _____ me not to tell anyone about it.

- ☐ (A) recommended
- ☐ (B) reminded
- ☐ (C) begged
- ☐ (D) accused

14. Direct: "Don't forget to submit your application," the careers adviser said.

The careers adviser _____ me not to forget to submit my application.

- ☐ (A) warned
- ☐ (B) reminded
- ☐ (C) denied
- ☐ (D) refused

15. Direct: "Whatever you do, don't open that file," the IT specialist said to me.
The IT specialist _____ me not to open that file.

- ☐ **(A)** advised
- ☐ **(B)** offered
- ☐ **(C)** promised
- ☐ **(D)** warned

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1. Direct: "I can't finish the report by Friday," Emma said.
Emma _____ that she couldn't finish the report by Friday.

☐ A warned
☒ B admitted
☐ C suggested
☐ D refused

i To admit means to acknowledge that something is true, often something that may be difficult or unpleasant to say. Emma is acknowledging that she cannot meet the deadline.

2. Direct: "We've made a serious mistake," the manager said.
The manager _____ that they had made a serious mistake.

☐ A denied
☐ B insisted
☒ C admitted
☐ D demanded

i To admit is used when someone accepts or acknowledges that something is true. The manager accepts responsibility for the mistake.

3. Direct: "I definitely didn't leak the information," Tom said.
Tom _____ that he had leaked the information.

☒ A denied
☐ B admitted
☐ C complained
☐ D promised

i To deny means to say that something is not true. Tom says that he did not leak the information.

4. Direct: "I'll help you with the presentation tomorrow," Susan said.
Susan _____ to help me with the presentation the following day.

- A suggested
- ✓ B offered
- C warned
- D accused

i To offer to do something means to volunteer to do it. Sarah voluntarily says that she will help with the presentation.

5. Direct: "You should talk to your tutor about the problem," Jack said.
Jack _____ talking to my tutor about the problem.

- A refused
- B denied
- ✓ C recommended
- D threatened

i To recommend means to advise that something would be a good idea. Recommended talking correctly reports Jack's advice.

6. Direct: "Have you finished the assignment?" the teacher asked me.
The teacher _____ me whether I had finished the assignment.

- A reminded
- ✓ B asked
- C warned
- D persuaded

i To ask is the standard reporting verb for a question. For a yes/no question, we commonly use asked + someone + whether/if.

7. Direct: "Why are you leaving so early?" my colleague asked.
My colleague _____ why I was leaving so early.

- ✓ A wondered
- B ordered
- C suggested
- D insisted

i To wonder means to ask yourself or want to know something. It is commonly used to report a question, especially when the person is curious about the answer.

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The client _____ me to send the documents by lunchtime.

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i To request someone to do something means to ask them politely or formally to do it. The client's question is actually a polite request.

9. Direct: "Please wait outside," the receptionist said to us.
The receptionist _____ us to wait outside.

- ☐ A reminded
- ☐ B persuaded
- ☒ C told
- ☐ D warned

i To tell someone to do something is a common way to report an affirmative imperative. The receptionist instructs us to wait outside.

10. Direct: "Remember to lock the door," my father said.
My father _____ me to lock the door.

- ☒ A reminded
- ☐ B refused
- ☐ C denied
- ☐ D accused

i To remind someone to do something means to help them remember an action they should perform. The original sentence specifically asks the person not to forget.

11. Direct: "Take an umbrella with you," she said to me.
She _____ me to take an umbrella with me.

- ☐ A admitted
- ☒ B advised
- ☐ C denied
- ☐ D accused

i To advise someone to do something means to recommend that they take a particular action because it is sensible or beneficial. Taking an umbrella is presented as good advice.

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The technician _____ us not to touch the equipment.

- ☒ **A** warned
- ☐ **B** offered
- ☐ **C** suggested
- ☐ **D** promised

i To warn someone not to do something means to tell them about a possible danger or negative consequence. The technician wants to prevent us from touching the equipment.

13. Direct: "Please don't tell anyone about this," Maria said to me.
Maria _____ me not to tell anyone about it.

- ☐ **A** recommended
- ☐ **B** reminded
- ☒ **C** begged
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i To beg someone not to do something means to ask them very strongly or emotionally not to do it. Please and the sensitive nature of the information suggest a strong request.

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The careers adviser _____ me not to forget to submit my application.

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i To remind someone not to forget something is used when you want to make sure they remember an important action. The adviser is making sure the application is submitted.

15. Direct: "Whatever you do, don't open that file," the IT specialist said to me.
The IT specialist _____ me not to open that file.

- ☐ **A** advised
- ☐ **B** offered
- ☐ **C** promised
- ☒ **D** warned

i To warn someone not to do something is appropriate because the IT specialist is alerting the person to a possible danger or problem if they open the file.