

8B Breaking news

1 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

a Complete with the gerund or the infinitive of the verb in parentheses.

- The girl refused to dance with my friend. (dance)
- My husband denied _____ the last piece of cake. (eat)
- My parents told me _____ late. (not be)
- The tour guide recommended _____ the Picasso Museum. (visit)
- I agreed _____ in front of my neighbor's garage. (not park)
- The police accused him of _____ them the truth. (not tell)
- My boyfriend asked me _____ him to the train station. (take)
- The teacher threatened _____ them extra homework if they didn't stop talking. (give)
- Jane promised _____ my book the next day. (return)
- The woman admitted _____ the man's watch. (steal)

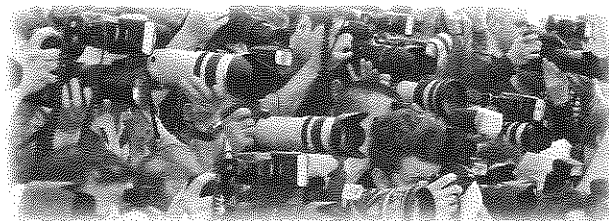
b Report the direct speech using one of the reporting verbs from the box.

advise apologize insist invite
offer remind suggest warn

- "Don't forget to sign the documents," my boss told me.
My boss reminded me to sign the documents.
- "I really don't think you should leave your job," Jack's friend told him.
Jack's friend _____ his job.
- "Why don't we go for a walk?" said Katie.
Katie _____ for a walk.
- "I'll make lunch," her husband said.
Her husband _____ lunch.
- "Don't park on this street," the man said to us.
The man _____ there.
- "I'm sorry I was so rude," I said.
I _____ so rude.
- "Would you like to have dinner with me?" Andy asked Sarah.
Andy _____ with him.
- "I'm going with you to the doctor's," Alice said to me.
Alice _____ to the doctor's with me.

2 VOCABULARY the media

a Complete the sentences with jobs in the media.



- The paparazzi were waiting outside the restaurant to photograph the movie star.
- I'm surprised none of the cr_____ liked the movie; I thought it was great!
- The n_____ was very embarrassed when he couldn't pronounce the politician's name.
- The sports c_____ got very excited when the first goal was scored.
- My brother is a r_____ for *The Sunday Times*.
- The newspaper e_____ decided not to print the reporter's story because it was too politically sensitive.
- I stopped watching that show because I can't stand the news a_____.
- Laura works from home as a fr_____ j_____.
- Have you ever written an email to an a_____ c_____ asking for advice?

b Complete the headlines with a word from the box.

back bids clash hit quit quiz spat split tabbed wed

- TV host axed by ABC in spat over dress code.
- Singer to _____ Brazilian model.
- Senator to _____ after revelations about personal life.
- Police _____ wife after man disappears.
- Hollywood stars _____ presidential candidate.
- US stock market _____ by new company scandal.
- Ex-basketball player _____ to win reality show.
- Supermarket _____ to attract customers by slashing prices.
- Players _____ over referee's decision.
- Celebrity couple _____ after five years.