

# REPORTED SPEECH: REPORTING VERBS

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

## EXAMPLE

Question: What did your friend **advise you to do**?

Answer: She **advised me to apply** and **offered to check** my application.

**Remember:** Advise/warn + person + to; offer/promise + to; suggest + -ing; apologise for + -ing.

## A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What has someone advised you \_\_\_\_\_ recently? (do)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. What activity has a friend suggested \_\_\_\_\_? (try)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. What have you promised \_\_\_\_\_ this week? (finish)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. What has someone apologised for \_\_\_\_\_? (do)

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. you / to / touch / warned / cable / the / who / not

\_\_\_\_\_

2. do / organiser / to / did / offer / what / the

\_\_\_\_\_

3. form / anyone / forgetting / did / admit / the

\_\_\_\_\_

**Try it:** Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

# REPORTED SPEECH: REPORTING VERBS

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Writing | 20-30 minutes

---

Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

## A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

**1. to do** - What has someone advised you to do recently?

Sample answer: My tutor advised me to record myself speaking so I could hear my progress.

**2. trying** - What activity has a friend suggested trying?

Sample answer: A friend suggested trying a pottery class because I enjoy making things.

**3. to finish** - What have you promised to finish this week?

Sample answer: I've promised to finish checking the figures before Friday's meeting.

**4. doing** - What has someone apologised for doing?

Sample answer: My neighbour apologised for making noise while repairing a cupboard.

## B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Who warned you not to touch the cable?

2. What did the organiser offer to do?

3. Did anyone admit forgetting the form?

## TEACHER NOTES

A4 also allows having done, emphasising an earlier action. Follow each reporting verb's pattern; suggested me to do is not the target pattern.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.