

# 8B Breaking news

## 1 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

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

- The girl refused to dance with my friend. (dance)
- My husband denied \_\_\_\_\_ the last cream cake. (eat)
- My parents told me \_\_\_\_\_ late. (not be)
- The tour guide recommended \_\_\_\_\_ the Picasso Museum. (visit)
- I agreed \_\_\_\_\_ in front of my neighbour's garage. (not park)
- The police accused him of \_\_\_\_\_ them the truth. (not tell)
- My boyfriend asked me \_\_\_\_\_ him to the 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.
- 'Shall I make the lunch?' her husband said.  
Her husband \_\_\_\_\_ the lunch.
- 'Don't park in 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 princess.
- I'm surprised none of the cr \_\_\_\_\_ liked the film; I thought it was great!
- The n \_\_\_\_\_ was very embarrassed when he couldn't pronounce the politician's name.
- The 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've stopped watching that show because I can't stand the pr \_\_\_\_\_.
- Laura works from home as a fr \_\_\_\_\_ j \_\_\_\_\_.
- Have you ever written an email to an a \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ asking for advice?

b Complete the headlines with a word from the box.

back bids clash hit quit quiz row split tipped wed

- TV presenter axed by BBC in row over dress code.
- Singer to \_\_\_\_\_ Brazilian model.
- Minister to \_\_\_\_\_ after revelations about personal life.
- Police \_\_\_\_\_ wife after man disappears.
- Hollywood stars \_\_\_\_\_ presidential candidate.
- US stock market \_\_\_\_\_ by new company scandal.
- Ex-footballer \_\_\_\_\_ to win reality show.
- Supermarket \_\_\_\_\_ to attract customers by slashing prices.
- Players \_\_\_\_\_ over referee's decision.
- Celebrity couple \_\_\_\_\_ after five years.



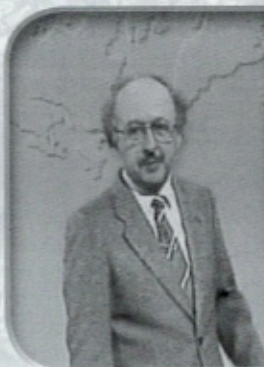
4 PRONUNCIATION word stress

- a Write the reporting verbs in the correct column.
- accuse admit advise agree  
convince deny insist invite  
offer persuade promise refuse  
remind suggest threaten
- b iChecker Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the reporting verbs.

stress on 1st syllable		stress on 2nd syllable	
_____	_____	accuse	_____
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5 LISTENING

- a iChecker Listen to an extract from a programme about a famous mistake on TV. Answer the questions.
- During which programme did the mistake occur?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - In which year did the mistake occur? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Who is Michael Fish? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What did the woman ask about when she called?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - What was Michael's answer?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - How strong were the worst winds?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - How many people died in the storm?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - How many trees fell down? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where did Michael Fish appear in 2012?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Where can you see the original weather broadcast made by Michael Fish? \_\_\_\_\_
- b Listen again with the audio script on p.75 and try to guess the meaning of any words that you don't know. Then check in your dictionary.



**USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES**

Learn these words and phrases.

celebrity gossip /sə'lebrəti 'gɒsɪp/

censorship /'sensəʃɪp/

skip (a section of the newspaper) /skɪp/

sports results /spɔ:ts rɪ'zʌltz/

the latest news /ðə 'leɪtɪst nju:z/

the media /ðə 'mi:diə/

print newspaper /prɪnt 'nju:zpeɪpə/

online newspaper /ɒn'laɪn 'nju:zpeɪpə/

private life /'praɪvət laɪf/