

REPORTING VERBS EXERCISES

Choose the correct reporting verb from the list to complete the sentence.
List: stated, mentioning, pointed out, tell, questions, negates, claims, agrees

1. Smith et al. have _____ multiple times in their data that more research will need to be done to determine the exact cause.
2. When debating habitat changes, zoologist Maggie Monroe often _____ the validity of species reintroduction in order to allow people to consider survival rates.
3. The company is regularly _____ the studies they partake in to avoid hazardous conditions.
4. All the work she did _____ the company's stance on waste use so she can offer safer, healthier alternatives.
5. In his speech, he _____ the benefits of regular exercise and offered free body counseling.
6. Mr. Williams _____ Shakespeare was not a real man, a debated theory that was first recognized in the 1970s.
7. The released grades _____ us that we need to teach better study skills.
8. The professor _____ with our theory and has written a letter of recommendation.

ANSWER KEY:

1. Stated

2. Questions

3. Mentioning

4. Negates

5. Pointed out

6. Claims

7. Tell

8. Agrees

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Rewrite the original sentences using the reporting verb in brackets. Answers will vary slightly.

1. "Why don't we order pizza for dinner?" I asked my children. [suggest]

2. "I'm going to travel the world," Sam explained. [decide]

3. "Everyone, brush your teeth before bed!" exclaimed my mother. [advise]

4. He told us to "watch out for the potholes in the road." [warn]

5. "You really should apply for the manager's position," she told her best friend. [encourage]

6. Jose asked the reporter, "What research did you use to come to that conclusion?" [question]

7. "The class final begins at 8 am sharp!" said the professor [explain]

8. "Study harder!" Mary told Maria. [recommend]

9. "You bring the tortillas for the burritos," Luis told Mario. [direct]

10. "I can't start my day without coffee!" Jennifer said. [insist]

ANSWER KEY:
1. I suggested to my children we order pizza for dinner.
2. Sam decided to travel the world.
3. My mother advised everyone to brush their teeth before bed.
4. He warned us about the potholes in the road.
5. She encouraged her best friend to apply for the manager's position.
6. Jose questioned the reporter used for his conclusion.
7. The professor explained that the class final began at 8 am.
8. Mary recommended Maria to study harder.
9. Luis directed Mario to bring the tortillas for the burritos.
10. Jennifer insisted she couldn't start her day without coffee.

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Choose the letter of the correct reporting verb to complete the sentence.

- _____ 1. Ryan _____ to pick up Emmett at school when I was running late.
A. offers
B. offered
- _____ 2. Erin _____ I go biking in the countryside to help build my endurance for the race.
A. suggested
B. indicates
- _____ 3. The plumber _____ that I should first turn off the water before I flushed the pipes.
A. indicated
B. explain
- _____ 4. Sally _____ to have the most experience and wanted to lead the team lessons.
A. claimed
B. claims
- _____ 5. Wyatt _____ ever seeing the exam review sheet and was angry that he wasn't prepared.
A. denied
B. denies

ANSWER KEY:

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. A
5. A