

43 Reporting 2

Fill in the missing words in the reported sentences below. Choose from the following.
(See example):

accused	agreed	commented	complained	confirmed
congratulated	denied	enquired	reminded	suggested

1 She *accused* them of unfair competition.

They have reduced their prices and made it impossible for us to compete effectively.

2 The chairman him on his new position within the company.

Well done!
Congratulations! We are very pleased that you've got the new job in the company.

3 They about the lack of information in the company.

Nobody ever knows what's going on in this company. We get told absolutely nothing.

4 He whether there were any plans to increase space in the warehouse.

We all know that there isn't enough space in the warehouse and I'd like to ask if there are any plans to build a new one.

5 The manager everyone to hand in their quarterly figures by the end of the week.

Can you please make sure that you give me the figures for the last quarter before Friday evening.

6 He asking Ms Smiley to arrange the conference.

How about arrangements for the conference? Could we ask Ms Smiley to do it?

7 He to look into the situation.

Yes! OK! I'll see what I can do about this situation.

8 She knowing about the operation.

Something must have gone wrong because I know absolutely nothing about the operation. No one told me about it.

9 She briefly on the success of the project.

The project has now been running for nine months and we are very happy that it has been so successful. Production has improved steadily over the last three months and the work-force are working hard.

10 They that several jobs would be lost the following year.

You may have heard that several jobs will be lost next year, and I'm afraid that this is true.

REPORTING VERBS

He	said suggested demanded proposed insisted stated added	that I <u>should</u> (not) <u>write</u> to you.	<i>dire</i> <i>suggerire</i> <i>pretendere / esigere</i> <i>proporre</i> <i>insistere</i> <i>dichiarare</i> <i>aggiungere</i>
He	promised agreed threatened	(not) <u>to tell</u> my father.	<i>promettere</i> <i>convenire / acconsentire</i> <i>minacciare</i>
She	offered refused	<u>to pay</u> for the meal.	<i>offrire</i> <i>rifiutare</i>
He	told asked advised ordered invited warned reminded	me (not) <u>to go</u> to the meeting.	<i>dire</i> <i>chiedere / domandare</i> <i>consigliare</i> <i>ordinare</i> <i>invitare</i> <i>avvertire</i> <i>chiedere a qualcuno di</i> <i>ricordare qualcosa</i>
She	admitted denied apologized for	<u>taking</u> the money.	<i>ammettere</i> <i>negare / smentire</i> <i>scusarsi / chiedere scusa</i>

QUICK REVIEW ●●●

Think of two conversations you had yesterday. Write two sentences or questions from each conversation in reported speech. Work in pairs. Take turns to tell each other about the conversations: *I talked to my brother yesterday. He asked me if ... and I told him that ...*

Vocabulary verb patterns (2): reporting verbs

Skills Reading: Undercover's success;

Listening: Episode 5 of Undercover

Help with Listening missing words

Review reported speech

 <http://www.copshows.co.uk/undercover>

Reading and Vocabulary

1 Work in groups. Discuss these questions.

- What kind of TV programmes do you watch? What's your favourite programme at the moment?
- Have you ever watched police dramas or detective stories? If so, which ones?

2 a) Check these words with your teacher or in a dictionary.

an undercover cop a smuggler a bug
a statue a warehouse a trap

b) Read this website article about the new TV cop show *Undercover*. Match the people's names to their roles. Who are the people in the photos?

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| 1 Kat | a) Rupert's wife |
| 2 Rupert | b) other cops |
| 3 Gloria | c) an undercover cop |
| 4 Dom | d) an artist |
| 5 Glenn and Darren | e) the art gallery owner |
| 6 Hendrik | f) Rupert's son |

c) Read the article again. Answer these questions.

- Where is Kat working undercover?
- Why can the police hear Rupert's phone calls?
- Who saw Kat go into Rupert's study?
- Are Kat and Dom in love with each other?
- What two things are going to happen on Tuesday evening?

3 Tick the verbs you know. Then do the exercise in **V11.3** p138.

invite offer admit refuse
promise agree suggest
remind warn threaten



Undercover's success is no secret

Undercover is already the best drama we've seen on TV this year. It stars Eva West as Kat Winters, an undercover cop who works for the SCS (Serious Crime Squad). If you didn't see the last episode, here's what you missed.

Episode 4: plot summary

Kat is working undercover as a salesperson at a London art gallery owned by Rupert Wilde, who the police believe is an international diamond smuggler. After Kat had worked in the gallery for a while, Rupert and his wife, Gloria, **invited** her to have dinner with their family in their luxury flat above the gallery. Just before dinner, Kat managed to put a bug in the phone in Rupert's private study. However, she didn't know that Gloria had seen her leave the study.



After dinner, Rupert's son, Dom, **offered** to give Kat a lift home. While they were in the car, Dom **admitted** being madly in love with Kat. She was rather shocked by this, particularly when Dom **refused** to drive her home until she **promised** to go out on a date with him.

Help with Vocabulary Verb patterns (2): reporting verbs

4 a) Look at the verbs in **bold** in the article and underline the verb form that follows them. Then write the infinitive form of the verbs in **bold** in the table.

<i>invite</i>	+ object + (not) + infinitive with to
<i>offer</i>	+ (not) infinitive with to
<i>admit</i>	verb+ing

b) Check in **V11.4** p138.



However, Kat needed an opportunity to find out more about the Wilde family, so she **agreed** to have dinner with Dom on Tuesday evening. Dom **suggested** meeting at the gallery at seven.

The next day, two other SCS cops, Glenn and Darren, sat in a van outside the art gallery listening to Rupert's phone calls. They heard him call Hendrik Petersen, a famous Dutch artist. Hendrik agreed to deliver three of his statues to Rupert's warehouse at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, and **reminded** Rupert to bring the money in used ten-pound notes. Rupert **warned** Hendrik not to tell anyone about their plan and **threatened** to kill him if anything went wrong.

Is Kat walking into a trap? What's going to happen at Rupert's warehouse? Find out in episode 5!

- 5** a) Look at these conversations from episode 4 of *Undercover*. Put the sentences in **bold** in reported speech. Use the verbs in brackets.

DOM **¹Why don't we go to the Ritz?** (suggest)
 KAT That sounds nice. I've never been there before.
 DOM **²Shall I book a table?** (offer)
 KAT Good idea.
 DOM And **³would you like to come to Paris next weekend?** (invite)
 KAT Hey, slow down! We haven't even had dinner yet!
 DOM Yes, I know, I'm sorry. **⁴I say some stupid things sometimes.** (admit)
 KAT OK. **⁵Let's talk about Paris after dinner.** (agree)
 RUPERT **⁶Don't be late, Hendrik.** (warn)
 HENDRIK Don't worry, **⁷I'll be there on time.** (promise)
 RUPERT **⁸And don't forget to watch out for the cops.** (remind)
 HENDRIK I'll be careful. But if you don't bring the money, **⁹I'll tell the police everything I know.** (threaten)
 RUPERT Sorry, Hendrik, **¹⁰I don't believe you.** (refuse)

b) Work in pairs. Compare answers.

- 6** a) Work in groups. What do you think is going to happen in episode 5 of *Undercover*? Discuss your ideas.

I think Hendrik might steal Rupert's money.

- b) **R11.9** Listen to the beginning of the next episode. Were any of your ideas correct?
- c) Listen again. Are these sentences true or false?
- Glenn and Darren are outside the warehouse.
 - They call Kat to tell her what's happening.
 - Rupert and Hendrik meet at the warehouse.
 - Rupert phoned Hendrik earlier that afternoon.
 - Hendrik hasn't got the statues.
 - Gloria threatens to shoot Kat.
 - Gloria agrees to help the police.
 - Dom arrives to take Kat on their date.

Help with Listening Missing words

- In spoken English we often miss out words when the meaning is clear. This is very common in informal English.

- 7** a) Read the beginning of episode 5 of *Undercover*. Notice the missing words. What kind of words do we often miss out?

DARREN [Are you] Sure this is the place, Glenn?
 GLENN Yeah. [The] Warehouse on Tudor St.
 [At] Seven thirty.
 DARREN [It] Looks closed to me. [Do you] Want a cigarette?
 GLENN No, thanks, mate. [I] Gave up last week.
 DARREN Yeah, right. [Have you] Heard from Kat recently?

- b) **R11.9** Look at R11.9, p156. Listen to the first two parts of episode 5 again. Notice the missing words.

- 8** Work in pairs. Look again at R11.9, p156. Take turns to say sentences 1–10 in **bold** in reported speech.

Darren agreed to wait and see what happened.

- 9** a) Work in pairs. Decide what happened at the end of episode 5 of *Undercover*. Include all the characters if possible.
- b) Write a summary of what happened at the end of episode 5 of *Undercover*. Use at least five of the reporting verbs from 3 in your article.
- c) Swap articles with another pair. Read their summary. Which ending is the best, do you think? Why?

Listening Comprehension: Getting the Correct Message

Listen to Ian Young's answerphone messages and give short answers to the following questions.

- 1) At about what time will Linda come to the office this morning ?
- 2) How many samples must be packed ?
- 3) When do the samples have to be posted ?
- 4) How many extra people do they need in the mail room ?
- 5) When did Harry Sutton send Ian Young a fax ?
- 6) When does Harry Sutton need to receive Ian's reply ?
- 7) What is Harry Sutton's business address ?

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- 8) Where is Joseph Garamond at the moment ?
- 9) How late will he be for his meeting with Pauline Gale ?
- 10) In which department does Stephanie work ?
- 11) At what time does Ian Young have a meeting this morning ?
- 12) Joseph Garamond will bring Ian Young a cheque for how much ?
- 13) What is the file reference ? / /

Now summarize the messages from

(i) Linda:

(ii) Julia:

(iii) Harry Sutton:

(iv) Joseph Garamond:

(v) Stephanie:

(vi) Pauline: