**Reporting Verbs (Worksheet 1)**

**Match the reporting verbs below with their definitions.**

**Read the following examples (1 – 12) and write in the most suitable verb from above. You**

**may have to change the form of the verb.**

Admit advise announce assure claim complain confirm convince

Declare explain inform insist mention persuade reassure suggest

a) a remark that calls attention to something or someone\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

b) state firmly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c) announce publicly or officially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

d) make (someone) agree, understand, or realize the truth of something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e) impart knowledge of some fact or event to someone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

f) give advice \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

g) refuse to give up or change your mind \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

h) define and make understandable \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

i) give or restore confidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

j) make a proposal, declare a plan for something \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

k) strengthen or make more firm \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

l) an assertion that something is true or factual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

m) declare to be true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

n) express discontent, displeasure, or unhappiness \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

o) inform with certainty and confidence \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

p) cause somebody to adopt a certain position, belief, or course of action \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1 – “Stop worrying so much,” he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her. “Everything will be ok.”

2 – A: Why are you home so late?

B: My boss \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I stay until I’d finished the report she needs

for tomorrow.

A: Well, you can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. You knew that you would have to work

hard if you took this job.

3 – The American and British governments \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of people that

Iraq was developing weapons of mass destruction (nuclear bombs) so they

invaded the country. They were wrong.

4 – The student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her teacher that she would be late the next day.

5 – He called his wife to tell her that he had been involved in a car accident,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her that he wasn’t badly hurt.

6 – She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her students to stop messing around and wasting time as

they only had a few more months to improve their English (!)

7 – A: Where are you off to?

B: I’m going round to Bill’s place.

A: I thought you were going to stay home tonight?

B: Well, I was but he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me to go and see him.

8 – He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he hadn’t been telling the truth.

9 – A: Who are you talking to?

B: I’m on the phone. I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our reservation for tonight.

10 – A: Did she tell you that she’s getting divorced?

B: She \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it when we were talking about Ann’s wedding. I

was so surprised.

11 – During the convention he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he was retiring next year, after

25 years service. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he would be very sad to leave the

company and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that he had been having health problems

recently.

12 – He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that it was an accident and he never meant to break it

but I’m not so sure.