



Reported Commands & Requests: Reporting Verbs for Commands & Requests

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- "Leave the room immediately!" the sergeant shouted. → The sergeant ____ the soldiers to leave the room immediately.
a) asked
b) ordered
c) suggested
d) reminded
- "Don't go near the edge — it's dangerous." → She ____ the children not to go near the edge.
a) told
b) ordered
c) warned
d) reminded
- "You should see a doctor." → He ____ me to see a doctor.
a) advised
b) ordered
c) warned
d) begged
- "Don't forget to lock the door." → She ____ me to lock the door.
a) warned
b) ordered
c) advised
d) reminded
- "Please, please let me go!" → He ____ them to let him go.
a) ordered
b) told
c) begged
d) reminded
- "You are not allowed to use your phones in class." → The teacher ____ the students to use their phones in class.
a) forbade
b) ordered
c) asked
d) reminded
- "Come and join us for dinner!" → They ____ us to join them for dinner.
a) ordered
b) invited
c) warned
d) reminded
- "Keep going — you can do it!" → The coach ____ the team to keep going.
a) warned
b) ordered
c) reminded
d) encouraged
- "I strongly suggest you apply for the job now." → She ____ me to apply for the job.
a) warned
b) reminded
c) urged
d) forbade
- "Don't swim in the river — it's very deep." → They ____ us not to swim in the river.
a) warned
b) reminded
c) encouraged
d) invited



Answers

1. b) ordered
2. c) warned
3. a) advised
4. d) reminded
5. c) begged
6. a) forbade
7. b) invited
8. d) encouraged
9. c) urged
10. a) warned
11. b) reminded
12. d) ordered
13. c) advised
14. a) begged
15. b) forbade
16. d) encouraged
17. c) invited
18. a) urged
19. b) warned
20. d) reminded



Explanations

1. “ordered” (b)

The sergeant is giving a forceful, authoritative command. 'Ordered' best conveys this strong, military-style instruction. 'Asked' would be too polite for a shouted command.

2. “warned” (c)

'Warned' is used when telling someone about a danger or risk. The phrase 'it's dangerous' signals that this is a warning, not just a simple command or reminder.

3. “advised” (a)

'You should...!' expresses a recommendation or suggestion. 'Advised' is the reporting verb for giving advice. It is less forceful than 'ordered' and less urgent than 'warned'.

4. “reminded” (d)

'Don't forget to...!' is a reminder — the speaker wants to make sure you remember something. 'Reminded' is the perfect reporting verb for this situation.

5. “begged” (c)

The repeated 'please, please' shows desperation and strong emotion. 'Begged' means to ask for something very urgently and emotionally. It is much stronger than simply 'asked'.

6. “forbade” (a)

'Not allowed to' means something is prohibited. 'Forbade' (past tense of 'forbid') means to officially ban or prohibit an action. The pattern is: forbid + object + to + infinitive.

7. “invited” (b)

'Come and join us' is a friendly invitation, not a command. 'Invited' is the reporting verb for extending an invitation to someone.

8. “encouraged” (d)

'You can do it!' shows support and motivation. 'Encouraged' means to give someone confidence and support to continue doing something.

9. “urged” (c)

'I strongly suggest' shows a firm, pressing recommendation. 'Urged' means to strongly encourage or press someone to do something. It is more forceful than 'advised' but not as authoritative as 'ordered'.

10. “warned” (a)

The reason 'it's very deep' signals danger. 'Warned' is used when someone tells you not to do something because it could be dangerous or harmful.

11. “reminded” (b)

'Remember to...!' is a reminder. 'Reminded' means to help someone not forget something they already know they should do.

12. “ordered” (d)

A police command shouted at suspects is a strong, authoritative order. 'Ordered' conveys the forceful, non-negotiable nature of this instruction.

13. “advised” (c)

'You really should...!' is a strong recommendation or piece of advice. 'Advised' is the reporting verb for suggestions about what someone should do.

14. “begged” (a)

The phrase 'I'm begging you' directly tells us the speaker is begging. 'Begged' expresses a desperate, emotional plea.

15. “forbade” (b)

'Must not' means something is prohibited. 'Forbade' (past of 'forbid') is used for official prohibitions or bans. The pattern is: forbid + object + to + infinitive (the negative meaning is built into 'forbid').

16. “encouraged” (d)

'You'd be great!' shows enthusiasm and support. 'Encouraged' means to give someone confidence or motivation to do something. The professor is not just advising — she is actively supporting and motivating.

17. “invited” (c)

A birthday party is a social event, and 'Please come' is an invitation. 'Invited' is the correct reporting verb for social invitations.

18. “urged” (a)

'You must act now' combined with 'time is running out' shows strong pressure and urgency. 'Urged' means to strongly press someone to take immediate action.

19. “warned” (b)

'Icy roads' implies danger. 'Warned' is used when someone alerts you to a potential danger or risk. It is more urgent than 'advised' and implies a real threat.

20. “reminded” (d)

'Don't forget to...!' is a reminder about a task the person already knows about. 'Reminded' is the perfect verb for helping someone remember a responsibility.