

Direct and indirect speech

5 For a-g circle the word in italics which correctly completes the sentence.

- a My boss *suggested/begged* me to reconsider.
- b Health experts *advise/recommend* us to eat five portions of fresh fruit or vegetables daily.
- c The celebrity model has *denied/refused* selling her story to the press.
- d Haven't your parents ever *forbidden/warned* you not to do something?
- e Are you *proposing/threatening* going to the police about this?
- f Your boss shouldn't *ask/promise* you to do something that's impossible!
- g Sergeant Smith *ordered/reminded* his soldiers that they had to polish their boots every day.

KEY:
 a) begged
 b) advise
 c) denied
 d) warned
 e) proposing
 f) ask
 g)

9 Underline the correct structure in a-f from the pairs in italics.

- a My mother suggested *my friends and I going/that my friends and I should get away* for the day.
- b Enrico rang and asked if *we were going/we are going* to last night's birthday celebrations.
- c I was shocked when the policeman accused me *to shoplift/of shoplifting*.
- d Mark wanted to know what *was I planning/I was planning* after work.
- e His wife proposed *they go out/them to go out* for dinner.
- f Terrorists threatened *blowing up/to blow up* major government buildings.

KEY:
 a) 2
 b) 1
 c) 2
 d) 2
 e) 2
 f) 1
 g) 2

6 Complete sentences a-f, using one of the prepositions below and an appropriate gerund.

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- a Staff are blaming one of the pupils ... _____
- b Maria accused her boyfriend ... _____
- c Bystanders praised the heroic firefighter ... _____
- d The accident wouldn't have happened if you hadn't insisted ... _____
- e An effective way of discouraging children ... _____
- f The millionaire footballer has apologised ... _____