

10A Reporting a crime

Verbs that summarise what people say



Role card A

You think the best thing to do is to tell the police everything that happened – that way you'll get a shorter prison sentence. Try to persuade everyone else to do the same.

I really think you should ...

Role card B

You think the best thing to do is to tell the police everything that happened – that way you'll get a shorter prison sentence. Try to persuade everyone else to do the same.

It's your fault that ...

Role card C

You don't think anyone should say anything to the police. In fact, you will kill anyone who does!

If you ..., I'll ...

Role card D

You think it would be a good idea to start digging a tunnel so you can all escape. Suggest this idea to everyone.

Why don't we ...?

Role card E

You think the police might be listening to everything you are saying. Warn everyone not to say anything about what happened.

Don't ..., because ...

Role card F

You are absolutely certain everything is going to be all right and you'll all be home soon. Tell everyone else there is nothing to worry about.

Don't worry, ...

Role card G

Your friends think you told the police about the robbery! Tell your friends that this isn't true.

I know what you think, but I didn't ...

Role card H

You're very rich – because of your last bank robbery! – and you want to pay for a top lawyer for everyone.

I'll ... if you want.

Role card I

You've decided to tell the police everything they want to know. Tell your friends about your decision.

I've made a decision. I'm going to ...

Role card J

You are the leader of the group. Order them all to sit down and be quiet!

I'm the boss here, so ...!

Role card K

You weren't involved in the robbery – you were just walking past the bank when the police arrived! Tell everyone this and insist that they believe you.

You probably don't know who I am because ...

Role card L

You know that someone hid the money before the police arrived. You're not sure who it was, so you're going to congratulate everyone!

Well done! You ...

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Instructions and Answer key

You will need: one set of Role cards for every 12 students in your class

- Explain the situation to students: they are all part of a criminal gang and have been arrested following a bank robbery that went disastrously wrong. They are locked up together in a police cell, waiting to be interviewed by the police. Pre-teach any difficult vocabulary.
- Give each student a *Role card* and allow them time to read the information. Students then walk around the room and have short conversations about what is on their card. They must start with the words in the speech bubble.
- Each student must talk to everyone else. They must also try to remember what was said to them. While they are mingling, the teacher can write on the board the verbs they must use in the next stage (see Answer key) and, if desired, the appropriate students' names next to them.
- Students then sit down and work in pairs. They must now report to each other what everybody else said, using the verbs on the board and, where possible, give their reaction. For example: *Juan suggested digging a tunnel so that we could all escape, but I think that's a bad idea because ...*
- Discuss the answers with the whole class.

ANSWER KEY

A persuade/urge B blame C threaten D suggest E warn
E assure F deny G offer H decide I order J order
K insist/deny L congratulate