

1 Decide if the sentences are *commands* (C), *requests* (R) or *advice* (A). Underline the words that help you recognise the sentence type.

- 1 You should close the window. A
- 2 Do your work. -----
- 3 Please brush your teeth. -----
- 4 Don't bite your fingernails. -----
- 5 I don't think you should buy those shoes. -----
- 6 Could you turn off the TV, please? -----
- 7 You mustn't be late. -----

2 Complete the reported sentences with the correct form of the reporting verbs in brackets


- 1 My teacher told me to write a poem. (tell)
- 2 Sam _____ me to read Leonardo DiCaprio's biography, and it was really interesting. (advise)
- 3 The artist _____ us not to copy his painting, but to create one in our own original style. (remind)
- 4 My friend _____ me to read this historical novel, and it was actually very good. (convince)
- 5 The film director _____ my brother to enrol as a stunt double in the new action thriller. (encourage)
- 6 My parents _____ me not to put myself in a stressful situation about the end-of-year exams. (warn)
- 7 My brother _____ me not to see the film. (advise)

3 Rewrite the reported sentences in Activity 2 as direct speech. Decide if they are commands, requests or advice.

- 1 _____ 'Write a poem, please.' _____ request
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____

4 Write one missing word in each sentence with the words in the box..

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-  1 The teacher ^{us}warned[^]not to touch the bronze sculptures.
- 2 We should the audience that the concert is delayed by an hour.
- 3 I've just watched the *Dunkirk* DVD. My friend advised me to download.
- 4 I really encourage you go to Wales. It's so peaceful and full of natural beauty.
- 5 We remind to submit your poems for the competition by Friday's deadline.
- 6 Why don't you ask meet us in town?

5 Write the sentences in Activity 1 as reported sentences using the verbs in brackets.

- 1 _____ He told us to close the window _____ (tell)
- 2 Mr Good _____ (order)
- 3 Dad _____ (ask)
- 4 Mum _____ (convince)
- 5 Selina's sister _____ (advise)
- 6 Hugo _____ Adam _____ (persuade)
- 7 They _____ (warn)

6 Rewrite what the teacher said to the students on a school trip to an art gallery using suitable reporting verbs.

- 1 'Please don't be late for the school bus!'
 - 2 'You should bring a packed lunch.'
 - 3 'Look at these colourful paintings by Pollock.'
 - 4 'Don't touch the sculptures!'
 - 5 'You must write a biography of one of these painters for your homework.'
 - 6 'Be quiet in the art gallery.'
- 1 The teacher warned the students not to be late for the school bus.
 - 2 _____
 - 3 _____
 - 4 _____
 - 5 _____
 - 6 _____

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- 1 A, *You should*
- 2 C, Do
- 3 R, Please
- 4 C, Don't
- 5 A, I don't think you should
- 6 R, Could you ... please?
- 7 C, You mustn't

2

- 1 *told*
- 2 *advised*
- 3 *reminded*
- 4 *convinced*
- 5 *encouraged*
- 6 *warned*
- 7 *advised*

3

- 1 *'Write a poem, please.'* (request)
'Write a poem.' (command))
- 2 You should read Leonardo DiCaprio's biography.
(advice)
- 3 *'Don't copy my painting. Create one in your own original style.'* (command)
'Please don't copy my painting. Create one in your own original style.' (request)
'I don't think you should copy my painting. It would be better to create one in your own original style.' (advice)
- 4 *'Please read this historical novel.'* (request)
'(You must) read this historical novel.' (command)
'I really think you should read this historical novel.' (advice)
- 5 *'You should enrol as a stunt double in the new action thriller.'* (advice)
'Please enrol as a stunt double in the new action thriller.' (request)
- 6 *'You mustn't put yourself in a stressful situation about the end-of-year exams.'* (command)
'Please don't put yourself in a stressful situation about the end-of-year exams.' (request)
'Don't put yourself in a stressful situation about the end-of-year exams.' (command)
- 7 *'You shouldn't see the film.'* (advice)

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- 2 We should **tell** the audience that the concert is delayed by an hour.
- 3 I've just watched the *Dunkirk* DVD. My friend advised me to download **it**.
- 4 I really encourage you **to** go to Wales. It's so peaceful and full of natural beauty.
- 5 We remind **you** to submit your poems for the competition by Friday's deadline.
- 6 Why don't you ask **them** to meet us in town?

5

- 1 *He told us to close the window.*
- 2 Mr Good ordered us to do our work.
- 3 Dad asked me to brush my teeth.
- 4 Mum convinced me not to bite my fingernails.
- 5 Selina's sister advised her not to buy the shoes.
- 6 Hugo persuaded Adam to turn off the TV.
- 7 They warned us not to be late.

6 (possible answers)

- 1 The teacher warned the students not to be late for the school bus.
- 2 The teacher reminded the students to bring a packed lunch.
- 3 The teacher encouraged the students to look at the colourful paintings by Pollock.
- 4 The teacher advised the students not to touch the sculptures.
- 5 The teacher told the students to write a biography of one of the painters for their homework.
- 6 The teacher ordered the students to be quiet in the art gallery.