



## Reporting structures

## 1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of these verbs.

accuse he • offer • instruct the agency •  
suggest we • inform they

- The rental agency ..... leaving the flat in a mess.
- They ..... look at the ads in the local paper.
- The owner ..... he was going to sell the house.
- We ..... send over someone to fix the problem.
- I ..... do some chores to help around the house.

## 2 Write the questions in reported speech. Use the verbs given.

- "Do you like the student accommodation?" ASK  
She ..... the student accommodation.
- "Have you found a place to rent yet?" WANT  
He ..... to rent yet.
- "Where are you going to live during the holidays?" WONDER  
They ..... during the holidays.
- "Are you allowed to keep pets in your house?" ASK  
She ..... pets in my house.
- "When did you move out of your parents' house?" WONDER  
He ..... my parents' house.

## 3 Find and correct the sentences with mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- They told the flat was fully furnished.
- She promise that she would clean up the kitchen.
- He asked me if I enjoyed living in London when I was a student.
- My parents recommended to rent a flat for a while before buying one.
- They wanted to know if I objected to having the party in the flat.

## 4 Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Do not change the meaning.

- The company claims that moving house is easy.  
It ..... is easy.

- They believed that the house was unfit to move into.  
The house ..... to move into.
- At first, people said that it would be easy to make new friends.  
At first, it ..... to make new friends.
- They say that the food in Lima is really something to write home about.  
It ..... something to write home about.
- People expect the president to arrive at 1 pm.  
The president ..... arrive at 1 pm.
- They knew that the Williams family had moved abroad.  
The Williams family ..... abroad.

## 5 Complete with the correct form of these verbs.

say • insist • want to know • say • believe •  
not recognise • recommend • suggest •  
inform we • recommend

## On the move?

It (1) ..... moving house can be very stressful. If that is the case, what about moving to a different country? Nowadays, it is more common to study abroad for a few years or to accept a job in a different country. Indeed, it (2) ..... a lot of university graduates are moving to other countries in search of work.

If you are thinking of moving to the UK, here is some advice people have given recently. James (3) ..... it was essential to have a passport to use as your official identification document. He said that a lot of places (4) ..... the national identification card.

Several people (5) ..... a good basic knowledge of English was vital. Sarah (6) ..... an official certificate wasn't essential. However, she (7) ..... people should be willing to practise when they arrived. Kate (8) ..... having more lessons once you are in the UK.

A lot of people (9) ..... some money in the bank to help start up your new life.

Some people (10) ..... if they could get more specific advice. There are several websites which offer advice to people moving abroad. Try the expat forum for example. If you are on the move, good luck with your adventure!