



Reporting structures

1 Circle the correct alternative.

- The rental agency accused him of/accused him leaving the flat in a mess.
- They suggested that we should/suggested that should we look at the ads in the local paper.
- The owner informed that/informed us that he was going to sell the house.
- We instructed the agency that/instructed the agency to send over someone to fix the problem.
- I offered to do/offered some chores to help around the house.

2 Write the questions in reported speech.

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

3 Find and correct the mistakes.

- They told that the flat was fully furnished.
- She promise that she would clean up the kitchen.
- He asked me if I enjoy 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 object 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
is easy.
- They believed that the house was unfit to move into.
The house was
to move into.
- At first, people said that it would be easy to make new friends.
At first, it was
to make new friends.

- They say that the food in Lima is really something to write home about.

It is
something to write home about.

- People expect the president to arrive in the country at 1 pm.

The president
arrive in the country at 1 pm.

- They knew that the Williams family had moved abroad.

The Williams family was
abroad.

5 Complete the text with these verbs.

is said that • insisted that having • wanted to know •
said • is believed that • didn't recognise •
recommended saving • suggested that •
informed us that • recommended having

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) 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!