

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 Circle the correct options.

- The customer ... that the bill was too expensive.
 (a) complained c refused
 b discovered d promised
- We planned our friend's party ... so it was a great surprise for her.
 a surprisingly (c) secretly
 b fluently d occasionally
- I was angry with my sister but she ... losing my mobile phone.
 (a) denied c insisted
 b claimed d apologised
- We were so embarrassed when our teacher ... the truth.
 a complained (c) discovered
 b refused d claimed
- The dog waited ... for his owner to come out of the hospital.
 a gradually c fluently
 b nowadays (d) patiently

2 Complete the second sentence with a word from the box so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence.

announced claimed gradually
occasionally suggested

- 'The school will be closed tomorrow.'
The school director **announced** that the school would be closed the next day.
- From time to time, I play volleyball.
I **occasionally** play volleyball.
- 'Why don't you all go on holiday together?'
My aunt **suggested** that we all went on holiday together.
- 'I saw you kick the ball through the window!'
My neighbour **claimed** that she / he had seen me kick the ball through the window.
- When the car tyre burst, the car didn't stop suddenly.
The car stopped **gradually** after the tyre burst.

3 Circle the odd one out. Then write a sentence with those words.

- announce / confirm / (deny)
Students' own answers
- eventually / after a while / (regularly)
Students' own answers
- (promise) / refuse / complain
Students' own answers
- patiently / secretly / (nowadays)
Students' own answers
- deny / (suggest) / refuse
Students' own answers



TELLING STORIES TO REMEMBER NEW WORDS

4 Read the story in the box. Then complete the summary of the story with reporting verbs from Exercise 1.



I saw a man in the park with a parrot. The man told the parrot many times to fetch a ball, but the parrot said no. Then the man told the parrot that he was naughty, and the parrot replied: 'I'm sorry!' The parrot then said: 'I will do it next time!'

I saw a man and a parrot in the park. The man ¹ **insisted** that the parrot fetch a ball but the parrot ² **refused**. Then the man ³ **complained** that the parrot was naughty and the parrot ⁴ **apologised**. Then the parrot ⁵ **promised** to fetch the ball next time.