Language quiz
Now let’s practise what you learned in the lesson!
Read the conversation below. John and Sarah are brother and sister. They are arguing.
Choose a reporting verb to complete the sentences that describe the conversation.

Example
John: It wasn’t me who ate the last cake!
John **denied** eating the last cake.

| demanded | complained | admitted | apologised | threatened | refused |

John: Have you seen my pencils?
Sarah: I took them this morning.
John: Give them back!
Sarah: No! I need to draw something.
John: Give them back, or I will call mother.
Sarah: OK. I’m sorry!
John: You always take my stuff without asking.

1. Sarah _______ taking John’s pencils.
2. John _______ to be given his pencils.
3. Sarah _______ to return them.
4. John _______ to call their mother.
5. Sarah _______ to John for taking the pencils.
6. John _______ about Sarah taking his things.

Check your answers at the bottom of the next page.
Speaking and writing practice

Now practise with a friend.

1. Write sentences to describe an interesting conversation. This can be a real or imagined conversation. Use as many reporting verbs as you can.

Example:
My mother complained about someone stealing her money.
I admitted stealing from her wallet.

2. When finished, read your sentences to your partner.

3. Next, your partner will read you their sentences. Discuss the following questions:
   - Whose work was the most interesting?
   - Whose work was the funniest?

6. Change papers with your partner. Discuss the following questions:
   - Are there any mistakes in the sentences?
   - What do you like about your partner’s work?
   - What would you change about their work?
   - Which sentence is your favourite? Why?

Answers to exercise on page 1
1. Sarah admitted taking John’s pencils.
2. John demanded to be given his pencils.
3. Sarah refused to return them.
4. John threatened to call their mother.
5. Sarah apologised to John for taking the pencils.
6. John complained about Sarah taking his things.