

## Listening Part 2

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You are going to listen to two people speaking to a police officer. Listen and try to fill in the gaps in the sentences.



You will only need 1-2 words.

**The speaker claims that he didn't (1)\_\_\_\_\_ it.**

**He asks us to (2)\_\_\_\_\_ his side of the story.**

**He says that soon we'll not (3)\_\_\_\_\_ the broken window and (4)\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The second speaker denies that he has done anything wrong and claims that he was just standing and (5)\_\_\_\_\_ the gate.**

**When speaking about his family he says that he is (6)\_\_\_\_\_ and has three children.**

**He boasts he is as (7)\_\_\_\_\_ the day is long.**

**He claims the more daylight there is, the (8)\_\_\_\_\_ he does wrong.**

# Reporting verbs

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**claim**

**ask**

**deny**

**say**

**boast**

1. Which are followed by a direct object?  
(like 'tell': *tell someone to go*)
2. Which are followed by that + clause?  
(like 'suggest': *suggest that we go*)

Can you think of any other verbs which work in the same way as tell / suggest?

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# Comparative structures

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'As honest as'

3. As \_\_\_\_\_ as - which type of word completes this structure?
4. If you were going to make it negative, where would 'not' go?

'The longer the daylight, the less I do wrong'

The + comparative + noun / clause, + the comparative + noun / clause

5. What does this phrase mean?
6. Why would someone English use this sort of structure?

"The more I practice, the luckier I get" – what does this mean?

See if you can write one yourself, e.g. the more I sleep, ....

