

Handout 3

Reporting Verbs.

Exercise 1.

In each sentence **two** of the options in *italics* are possible and **one** is not. **Which is not?**

1. The author *notes/observes/pinpoints* that commodity prices change depending on the season.
2. Grey *puts forward/proves/advances* a controversial theory to explain climate change.
3. Philipson *claims/questions/challenges* the accuracy of Malwar's figures.
4. Trakov *stresses/emphasizes/asserts* the importance of pilot testing before carrying out a survey.
5. Ripoll *advances/demonstrates/shows* how large-scale urban planning can go wrong.
6. Evans *declares/casts doubt/maintains* that there is no causal link between the events.

Exercise 2.

There is **one** mistake in **each** of these sentences. **Find and correct it.**

1. Richardson emphasizes on a number of weaknesses in the theory.
2. Taylor mentions to several studies which have looked at the problem in the past.
3. Our latest results cast doubt to our original hypothesis.
4. The author discusses about the importance of this concept.