

## 3.14 Verbs of reference

### 3 Practice A

(Some other verbs may be possible)

- (a) A admitted/ accepted that he might have made a mistake ...
- (b) B denied saying that women make better doctors than men.
- (c) C stated/claimed/argued that small firms are more dynamic than large ones.
- (d) D agreed with C's views on small firms.
- (e) E assumed/ presumed that most people work for money.
- (f) F concluded that allergies are becoming more common.
- (g) G doubted that electric cars would replace conventional ones.
- (h) H suggested that the reasons for the increase in winter storms should be investigated.
- (i) I hypothesised/ suggested a link between crime and sunspot activity.

### 5 Practice B

(Other verbs may be possible)

- (a) L criticised/ censured her research methods.
- (b) M identified/ classified four main types of children in care.
- (c) N commended the company for its record for workplace safety.
- (d) O interpreted the noises whales make as expressions of happiness.
- (e) P identified/ presented wind power and biomass as the leading green energy sources.

- (f) Q described/portrayed Darwin as the most influential naturalist of the nineteenth century.
- (g) R defined an insect as a six-legged arthropod.
- (h) S characterised/ portrayed law students as hard-working but open-minded.