

1 Underline the most suitable verb in each sentence.

- 1 The author *estimates/predicts/claims* that previous research in this area has been flawed.
- 2 The report makes no definite claims, but *confirms/implies/shows* that government interference may have played a role in the decision of the court.
- 3 After a careful examination of the data, the team *found/pointed out/suggested* that there was no reason to remove this medication from the market.
- 4 The university now *finds/argues/estimates* that there will be around 250 fewer places for new students in the coming academic year.
- 5 The IMF now *predicts/comments/demonstrates* that the economy will grow by 1.2% in the next year.
- 6 Contemporary research seems to *state/demonstrate/observe* that this account of the history of the Viking invasions is misleading.
- 7 The report *explains/predicts/estimates* that the scheme is intended as an interim measure.
- 8 Despite repeated denials, the company has now *shown/confirmed/argued* that it was responsible for the pollution of the river.
- 9 The findings *suggest/comment/state* that the brain does remain adaptable after the end of childhood.
- 10 A spokesperson *demonstrated/commented/showed* that the company believed it had the best interest of its customers at heart.

2 Complete each sentence with a form of a verb from the box. More than once answer may be possible.

predict	claim	confirm	estimate
point out	prove	suggest	imply

- 1 The report ...predicts... that, without intervention by health authorities and governments, smoking in African countries is set to increase by up to 100% within the next decade.
- 2 Although the committee tactfully avoids the use of the word 'faked', their report that some of the data used may not have been entirely reliable.
- 3 The authors also that in fact some sections of the article in question have been copied without acknowledgement from *Wilson and Vincent 2004*.
- 4 The study that by adopting these measures, the government would save around €100 million over a ten-year period
- 5 The authors that the sword is of Byzantine origin, but produce very little evidence to support this view.
- 6 The evidence put forward in this study, showing that not everyone will benefit from exercise, the views of earlier research in this field.
- 7 Dr Roberts also that the link between the two conditions is not as straightforward as was previously supposed.
- 8 The author conclusively that Sickert could not have been Jack the Ripper, as he was absent in France at the time of the murders.