Reporting Verbs Exercise

Use these verbs in the spaces below - grammar is important too!

**States, conclude, claim, argue, mention, note, reject, suggest, question, emphasise, discuss, point out, explain**

0. Lee (2006) **states** that problems arose earlier than previously thought. *(says directly)*

1. Schmidt (2010) _____________ that the process of language acquisition is important in childhood. *(to examine the key points)*

2. Davidson (2006) _____________ that previous research in the field is important in understanding the concept *(to highlight an important point)*

3. NASA (2011) ______________ that governments should continue to fund space projects *(they gives reasons for his view)*

4. In a latest article Morton (2012) ______________ how information technology is changing society. *(give clear details about something)*

5. Kim (2005) and Young (2010) ______________ how Bach’s music draws considerably on earlier composer’s work. *(to say just briefly)*

6. Uvarov (2001) ______________ that the causes of the revolution can be traced back to the 18th century. *(says something is true directly, and firmly, often used when others disagree)*

7. Vaz (1998) and Jonas (2002) ______________ the new theory because it fails to include important factors. *(disagree with somebody or a theory)*

8. Kon (2000) and Miller (2007) ______________ that all poets are strongly influenced by their childhood *(says indirectly that something is true)*

9. Levack (2010) ______________ that there are contradictions in Day’s interpretation of the poem *(states but does not develop at length)*

10. Gerrand (2001) ______________ previous interpretations of the play *(suggests it is inaccurate)*

11. In the book Dean (2010) ______________ some new research in the field *(refers to briefly)*

12. McIntosh (2012) and Johnson (2014) ______________ the key features of the period in question *(the final point or summary)*
## Answers

0. Lee (2006) **states** that problems arose earlier than previously thought. *(says directly)*

1. Schmidt (2010) **discusses** that the process of language acquisition is important in childhood. *(to examine the key points)*

2. Davidson (2006) **emphasizes** that previous research in the field is important in understanding the concept. *(to highlight an important point)*

3. NASA (1987) **argues** that governments should continue to fund space projects. *(he gives reasons for his view)*

4. In a latest article, Morton (2012) **explains** how information technology is changing society. *(give clear details about something)*

5. Kim (2005) and Young (2010) **note** how Bach’s music draws considerably on earlier composer’s work. *(to say just briefly)*

6. Uvarov (2001) **claims** that the causes of the revolution can be traced back to the 18th century. *(says something is true directly, and firmly, often used when others disagree)*

7. Vaz (1998) and Jonas (2002) **reject the** new theory because it fails to include important factors. *(disagree with somebody or a theory)*

8. Kon (2000) and Miller (2007) **suggest** that all poets are strongly influenced by their childhood. *(says indirectly that something is true)*

9. Levack (2010) **points out** that there are contradictions in Day’s interpretation of the poem. *(states but does not develop at length)*

10. Gerrand (2001) **questions** previous interpretations of the play. *(suggests it is inaccurate)*

11. In the book Dean (2010) **mentions** some new research in the field. *(refers to briefly)*

12. McIntosh (2012) and Johnson (2014) **conclude** the key features of the period in question. *(the final point or summary)*