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Look at the words above and put them in the appropriate column.

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Write 5 sentences using the words or phrases above. ONLY USE EACH WORD ONCE.

EXAMPLE: **report**: The Bangkok Post reports that a tropical storm will bring heavy rain to Thailand this weekend.

A. O Scott described **Jurassic World** in The New York Times as “one of the highest-grossing terrible movies of all time”.

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Possible answers

Please note that these answers are not perfect as the uses of these verbs overlap and there are subtle variations in the ways they are used. But it is a great guide and gateway into teaching and explaining to students how to use reporting verbs. Of course, a few of the words can be put in multiple columns (I have not included all of these).

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