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.