

Reporting Verbs

Accuse	object + preposition + gerund They accused the boys of cheating on the exam
Admit	that + indirect speech Tom admitted that he had tried to leave early
Advise	object + infinitive with to she advised me to leave early
Agree	with someone I agree with you that they should do that on/ about something I don't agree with you on several points that + indirect speech she agreed that we needed to reconsider our plan
Announce	that + indirect speech Peter announced that he had voted for Obama
Answer	that + indirect speech he answered that he had learned it in one day
Apologize	for + gerund he apologized for being late to someone for something you must apologize to her for being so rude
Complain	to someone that + indirect speech she complained to the waiter that her soup was cold of / about something she complained about their behaviour
Deny	that + indirect speech he denied that this was a political decision gerund he denied having anything to do with her
Explain	(to + object +)that + indirect speech the tour guide explained to the tourists that they needed a visa
Insist	on + gerund she insisted on doing the washing up that + indirect speech he insisted that I bought it
Mention	that + indirect speech he mentioned that he wanted to buy that book
Offer	to infinitive she offered to give him a lift to work
Order	object + to infinitive the officer ordered them to fire
Promise	that + indirect speech he promised me that he'd do it to infinitive he promised to buy me a ring someone something he had promised me a bike
Refuse	to infinitive my brother refused to do the job
Recommend	that + subject + infinitive without to I recommend that you rest subject + should + verb she recommended that I should hide the candle
Remind	object + to infinitive remind me to buy some apples
say	(that)+ indirect speech she said (that) she wanted a new car to + object + indirect speech I said to my wife that I was surprised at the result
Suggest	to + object+ that + subject + should + verb she suggested (to us) that we should wait gerund Ken suggested studying early in the morning to + object+ that + subject + infinitive without to she suggested (to us) that we wait
tell	object + to infinitive I told her to phone back later object + that + indirect speech nobody told me that the meeting was at nine
Threaten	to infinitive she threatened to jump from 20th floor