



Reporting verbs

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Compare

“I will not go”, he said.

WITH SAY

He said that he would not go.

WITH A
REPORTING VERB

He **refused** to go.

The reporting verb in this sentence **carries the information of what the person did, which is REFUSE.**

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ADVISE

I THINK YOU SHOULD APPLY FOR THE JOB

He **advised me to apply** for the job.

Verb + object + to + infinitive

Can you give an example of some advice you have received?

APOLOGISE

"I'M LATE", HE SAID TO THE PROFESSOR.

She **apologised (to the professor) for** being late.

Apologise (to object) + FOR + ING

Can you make a sentence now?

INVITE

COME AND JOIN MY FAMILY AT CHRISTMAS.

He **invited me to celebrate** Christmas with his family.

Verb + object + to + infinitive

Can you think of an invitation you have made or received recently?

OFFER

I WILL HELP YOU.

He **offered to help me**.

Verb + to + infinitive + object

Think of a situation when you offered to help someone.

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REMIND

REMEMBER TO CALL THE DOCTOR.

I **reminded her to call** the doctor.

Verb + object + to + infinitive

Have you reminded someone to do something this week?

SUGGEST

LET'S MEET OUTDOORS.

We **suggested meeting** outdoors.

We **suggested that we meet/met/should meet** outdoors.

Verb + gerund // Verb + that + clause

Can you give an example of something you have suggested recently?

DENY

I DIDN'T DO IT.

She **denied doing** it (or having done it).

Verb + gerund + object

Think of a personal situation in which you denied something.

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Other structures

- THREATEN + to + infinitive

He **threatened to tell** everyone.

- WARN + object + against + ing

He **warned me against walking** in that area.

Also: verb + object + (not) to + infinitive

He **warned me not to walk** in that area.

Also: verb + object + that + clause

He **warned me that** I shouldn't walk in that area

- ADMIT + (to) + gerund

He **admitted (to) stealing** the money.

Also: that + clause:

He **admitted that** he had stolen the money

- ACCUSE + object + OF + gerund

She **accused me of revealing or having revealed** the information.

- RECOMMEND + object + to + infinitive

She **recommended me to read** the book in French.

- COMPLAIN + that + clause

They **complained that** they hadn't been informed.

- BEG + object + (not) to + infinitive

I **begged him to tell** me the truth.

- EXCLAIM + that + clause

He **exclaimed that** it wasn't his fault.

- INFORM + object + OF/ABOUT something

She **informed me of** the new conditions.

- AGREE + to + infinitive

I **agreed to do** it.

NOTE:

Some of these verbs have several structures apart from what is shown here. For more information, check a good monolingual dictionary.

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