

VERB PATTERNS

verb + verb2 + ING	verb + TO + infinitive	verb + THAT + clause	verb + Someone + TO	verb + Someone + THAT
• Can't stand • Don't mind • Enjoy	• Need to • Promise to • Want to • Agree to • Try to	• Realize that • Suggest that • Agree that • Think that • Explain that	• Tell someone to • Warn someone to • Ask someone to • Want someone to	• Tell someone that • Warn someone that

Complete the statements with the correct forms of the verbs or with any word missing (to- that - correct form of the verb)

1. He can't stand getting up (get up) early
2. Will they enjoy _____ (do) this?
3. If you want _____ (me - tell) you, I will.
4. You have to promise _____ (keep) it a secret!
5. I really don't mind _____ (look after) my little sister.
6. Nobody enjoys _____ (argue) with a friend
7. He asked _____ (she, come) with us.
8. She agreed _____ (bring) the pudding to the dinner.
9. She suggested _____ (we - go) to the museum.
10. I don't want _____ (leave) yet.
11. The teacher told _____ (students - meet) at the station at 9 a.m.
12. He explained _____ he understood love for a woman somewhat differently.
13. I suggest _____ (you - take) the advice.
14. I promise _____ (help) you tomorrow.

More verb patterns

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I was told to make a report one a week

SAY

say + (that) + clause

She said (that) she had felt sorry.

say + how / what / who + clause

She said how she had felt.

say + (something) + to + someone

She said sorry to her family.

What did she say to you?

Say + something + on/about

She says something about this subject.

TELL

tell + someone + (that) + clause

I told John (that) I knew the joke.

tell + someone + why / how + clause

I told John how I knew the joke.

Tell + someone + something

I told John the joke.

Tell + someone + about + something

I told John about the joke.

tell + someone + to + infinitive

I tell John to hear the joke.

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ASK

ask + someone + if / question word + clause

I asked my boss if I could leave early.

She asked them where the station was.

ask + how / what

I asked what to do

I asked what I needed to do

ask + someone + something

I asked him a favor

ask + someone + about something

I asked him about the homework.

ask + someone + for something

I asked him for help

ask + someone + to + do something

I asked Lucy to pass me the salt.

AGREE

Agree + to + infinitive

We agreed to meet the following day.

Agree + (that) + clause

I agreed that the children could do their homework later.

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EXPLAIN

Explain + (that) + clause

The teacher explained that the course was finished.

Explain + something + to + someone

She explained the grammar to the students.

NOT: She explained me the grammar.

Explain + question word + to + infinitive

They explained how to buy a train ticket on the internet.

John explained where to find the restaurant.

Explain + question word + clause

We explained what the exams would cover.

WARN

Warn + someone + (not) + to + infinitive

I warned them (not) to go in the water.

Warn + someone + about + something

She warned us about the dangerous roads.

Summary

say + that	tell + someone + that
say + something + to + someone	tell + someone + something
say + something + on/about	tell + someone + about + something
ask + someone + to + do something	tell + someone + to + do something
ask + someone + something	Explain + that
ask + someone + for something	Explain + something + to + someone
ask + someone + if / question word + clause	Explain + question word + to + do something

SAY or TELL

Choose the correct option.

- 1) She **said** / **told** that she liked dancing
- 2) Didn't he **say** / **tell** you that I wanted to see you?
- 3) I want to **say** / **tell** something about this subject
- 4) Just **say** / **tell** me what she **said** / **told**.
- 5) "**Say** / **tell** me about you day." She **said** / **told**.
- 6) I haven't been **said** / **told** anything about it.

Complete the joke with the correct form of either SAY or TELL.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes (1) said "Watson, look up into the sky and (2) _____ me what you see."

Watson (3) _____: "I see millions and millions of stars"

Holmes: "And what does that (4) _____ you?"

Watson: Astronomically, it (5) _____ me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. In relative terms, it (6) _____ me that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it (7) _____ to me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it (8) _____ you?"

Holmes: "Somebody stole our tent."

Complete the questions with the most appropriate verb: ASKED, EXPLAINED, SAID, or TOLD.

When was the last time you...

1) _____ your friends a joke?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

2) _____ no to chocolate?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

3) _____ somebody to "cheer up"?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

4) _____ what you do for a living?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

5) _____ somebody for a ride?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

6) _____ sorry to a friend?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

7) _____ a friend to help you?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

8) _____ the rules of a game to somebody?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

9) _____ that you needed to do some exercise?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

10) _____ somebody that you loved them?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD