

reporting verbs

structures after reporting verbs

- Jack **offered to drive** me to the airport. (4 39))
I **promised not to tell** anybody.
- The doctor **advised me to have** a rest.
I **persuaded my sister not to go out** with George.
- I **apologized for being** so late.
The police **accused Karl of stealing** the car.

To report what other people have said, you can use *say* or a specific verb, e.g. 'I'll drive you to the airport.'

Jack **said** he would drive me to the airport.

Jack **offered** to drive me to the airport.

- After specific reporting verbs, there are one to three different grammatical patterns (see chart on the right)
- In negative sentences, use the negative infinitive (*not to do*) or the negative gerund (*not doing*), e.g. *He reminded me not to be late. She regretted not going to the party.*

1 + to + infinitive	agree refuse threaten	offer promise	(not) to do something
2 + person + to + infinitive	advise ask convince encourage invite	persuade remind tell warn	somebody (not) to do something
3 + -ing form	apologize (to sb) for insist on accuse sb of recommend admit regret blame sb for suggest deny		(not) doing something

Verbs that use a *that* clause

With *agree*, *admit*, *deny*, *promise*, *regret*, you can also use *that* + clause.

Leo *admitted stealing* the watch.

Leo *admitted that he had stolen* the watch.

- a Complete with the gerund or infinitive of the verb in brackets.

The garage advised me to buy a new car. (buy)

- Jamie insisted on _____ for the meal. (pay)
- Lauren has agreed _____ late next week. (work)
- I warned Jane _____ through the park at night. (not walk)
- The man admitted _____ the woman's handbag. (steal)
- The doctor advised Lily _____ drinking coffee. (give up)
- The boss persuaded Megan _____ the company. (not leave)
- Freya accused me of _____ to steal her boyfriend. (try)
- I apologized to Evie for _____ her birthday. (not remember)
- Did you manage to convince your parents _____ tonight instead of tomorrow? (come)
- My neighbour denies _____ my car, but I'm sure it was him. (damage)

- b Complete using a reporting verb from the list and the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use an object where necessary.

accuse invite offer promise recommend refuse remind suggest threaten

- Diana said to me, 'I'll take you to the station.'
Diana **offered to take** (take) me to the station.
- Ryan said, 'Let's go for a walk. It's a beautiful day.'
Ryan _____ (go) for a walk.
 - 'You copied Anna's exam!' the teacher said to him.
The teacher _____ (copy) Anna's exam.
 - Sam's neighbour told him, 'I'll call the police if you have any more parties.'
Sam's neighbour _____ (call) the police if he had any more parties.
 - The children said, 'We're not going to bed. It's much too early.'
The children _____ (go) to bed.
 - Simon said to me, 'Would you like to have dinner with me?'
Simon _____ (have) dinner with him.
 - Molly said to Jack, 'Don't forget to phone the electrician.'
Molly _____ (phone) the electrician.
 - Ricky said, 'I'll never do it again.'
Ricky _____ (do) it again.
 - Sarah said, 'You really must try Giacobazzi's. It's a fantastic restaurant.'
Sarah _____ (try) Giacobazzi's. She said it was fantastic.