

# REPORTING VERBS

Verb pattern for some reporting verbs are:

## VERB+ INFINITIVE WITH TO

ASK, OFFER, PROMISE, REFUSE, THREATEN  
He **refused to come** to the party.

## VERB+ OBJECT PRONOUN/ NOUN + INFINITIVE WITH TO

ADVISE, ASK, BEG, ENCOURAGE, FORBID,  
INVITE, ORDER, PERSUADE, RECOMMEND,  
REMIND, TELL, URGE, WARN  
He **encouraged me to study** hard.

## VERB + THAT CLAUSE WITH SHOULD (Note: the words "that" and "should" are optional)

INSIST, RECOMMEND, SUGGEST  
He **suggested (that) we (should) go** to that  
famous restaurant.

## VERB + GERUND

ADMIT, DENY, RECOMMEND, SUGGEST  
He **suggested going** to that famous restaurant.

## VERB+ PREP + GERUND

APOLOGISE FOR, INSIST ON  
He **apologised for being** late

## VERB + OBJECT PRONOUN/ NOUN + PREP + GERUND

ACCUSE OF, ADVISE AGAINST, BLAME FOR,  
CONGRATULATE ON, PRAISE FOR, THANK  
FOR, WARN AGAINST

He **accused the poor girl of stealing** his  
glasses.

1. Write the sentences in reported speech:

1. Let's go to the cinema!

Agatha suggested \_\_\_\_\_

2. I won't do that again!

Her daughter promised \_\_\_\_\_

3. Don't go out with them!

Her father forbade \_\_\_\_\_

2. Correct the mistakes in the following reported sentences.

1. Shaun refused listening to my explanation. – *to listen* –

2. They advised me go to hospital as soon as possible.

3. We congratulated him that he passed his driving test.

4. She suggested us having lunch on the shore of the lake.

5. I confessed losing my cousin's new mobile phone.

6. He invited us go to his party that Friday.

7. I begged him not telling anyone my secret.

8. Olivia insisted to paid me half the taxi fare.

9. He encouraged us that we should keep trying.

10. Fiona threatened calling the police.