

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.