# Reported Speech

## to

We can use other structures when we report offers, promises, requests, commands, suggestions, etc.

- verb + infinitive with *to*
  *agree, offer, promise, refuse, threaten*
  She offered to help with the cooking.
  To make the infinitive negative, we add *not* before *to*.
  I agreed not to tell anyone.
- verb + object + infinitive with *to*
  *advise, ask, beg, command, dare, encourage, forbid, instruct, invite, order, persuade, remind, request, tell, urge, warn*
  I reminded them to invite Liam.

## -ing

- verb + *-ing* form
  *admit, deny, mention, propose, recommend, report, suggest*
  She denied taking the money.
  These verbs can also be used with a *that* clause.
  He mentioned that he'd seen you earlier.
- verb + preposition + *-ing* form
  *admit to, apologise for, boast about, confess to, insist on*
  They insisted on seeing the manager.
- verb + object + preposition + *-ing* form
  *accuse sb of, congratulate sb on, warn sb against*
  He warned me against trusting Julie.

## that

- verb + *that* + *should* clause / verb + *that* + subjunctive clause
  *advise, demand, insist, propose, recommend, request, suggest*
  He recommended that we book the tickets soon.
- In formal English, we also occasionally use the subjunctive with these verbs.
  He insisted that we leave at once.
  The head teacher proposed that all students be sent home early because of the storm.

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