REPORTED SPEECH

1. REPORTED STATEMENTS

1. "We have moved into our new flat". My friend said
2. Japan is a densely populated city". The teacher said
3. "My parents have already seen this film". He said
4. "I know exactly what she did yesterday". He told me
5. "My sister is working now". He said
6. "I'll help you with those exercises tomorrow". Tony said
7. "I was waiting for the bus when he arrived". She told me
8. "I didn't go to the party". She said
9. "We must see these movies tonight". They said
10. "I am sure I saw you here last week." My father told Ben

2. YES / NO QUESTIONS

1. "Do you live in the country Peter?" He asked me
2. "Did you see Charles yesterday morning"? They wanted to know
3. "Will we get there on time, John?" She wanted to know
4. "Don't you know the traffic regulations?" The policeman asked
5. "Can you do your best boys?" The coach wanted to know
6. "Are we going to start work tomorrow?" He asked
7. "Have they ever been to America?" She asked

3. WH-QUESTIONS

1. "Where did you find these trainers?" He asked me
2. "How can I get to the airport?" He asked me
3. "When will we meet again?" She asked me
4. "Why don't you help me?" She asked him
5. Where have you been? The mother asked the daughter
6. What was she wearing when you saw her? The policeman asked me
7. What time does the plane arrive? They asked the manager

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4. COMMANDS

1. 'Get out of my way.' He told me
2. 'Climb in through the window,' he ordered
3. 'Don't worry about anything until tomorrow, Mrs Pitt,' Her lawyer told her
4. 'Follow that car,' The detective told the taxi-driver
5. 'Don't use bent coins in a slot machine,' I ordered him
6. ''Don't argue with your father,' I told my boyfriend
7. Take me up to the 33rd floor,' he told the liftman

REPORTING VERBS – PATTERNS

+ TO + INFINITIVE	+ PERSON + TO + INFINITIVE	+ (PREPOSITION) + -ING	+ THAT + CLAUSE
*AGREE	ADVISE	ACCUSE SOMEBODY OF	*ADMIT
*CLAIM	ASK	*ADMIT	*AGREE
OFFER	BEG	APOLOGISE (TO SB) FOR	ANSWER
*PROMISE	CONVINCE	BLAME (SB) FOR	*CLAIM
REFUSE	ENCOURAGE	*COMPLAIN ABOUT	*COMPLAIN
SWEAR	FORBID	*CONFESS TO	*CONFESS
THREATEN	INVITE	*DENY	*DENY
	ORDER	*INSIST ON	EXPLAIN
	PERSUADE	*RECOMMEND	*INSIST
	*RECOMMEND	*REGRET	*PROMISE
	REMIND	*SUGGEST	*REGRET
	TELL		SAY
	WARN		*SUGGEST

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EXAMPLES

She claims to be innocent.
She claims that she is innocent.
He promised to call every day.
He promsied that he would call every day.

He admitted stealing the money.
He admitted that he had stolen the money.
She insisted on seeing her lawyer.
She insisted that she needed her lawyer.

1. TO + INFINITIVE

"I will do it" he promised

He **promised to do** it

2. OBJECT PRONOUN + TO INFINITIVE

"You should do it" he advised me.

He **advised me to do** it

3. VERB WITH PREPOSITION + - ING / VERBS FOLLOWED BY GERUND

"Let's go to the cinema now" he suggested.

He **suggested going** to the cinema then

4. THAT CLAUSE (SUBJECT + VERB)

He **suggested (that) we go** to the cinema

5. REPORTING VERBS

1. "You should see a doctor, Mrs Clark" He advised
2. 'I'll bring my CDs to the party" She promised
3. "Let's go to the concert tonight, shall we? She suggested
4. "Let's go to the concert tonight, shall we? She suggested that
5. "Come to my party next weekend" My friend invited
6. "I'll drive you to school" My father offered
7. "Sorry, I won't be late again" The student apologised to the teacher for

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