

## VERB PATTERNS

verb + verb2 + ING	verb + TO + infinitive	verb + THAT + clause	verb + Someone + TO	verb + Someone + THAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can't stand</li> <li>• Don't mind</li> <li>• Enjoy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to</li> <li>• Promise to</li> <li>• Want to</li> <li>• Agree to</li> <li>• Try to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realize that</li> <li>• Suggest that</li> <li>• Agree that</li> <li>• Think that</li> <li>• Explain that</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell someone to</li> <li>• Warn someone to</li> <li>• Ask someone to</li> <li>• Want someone to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tell someone that</li> <li>• Warn someone that</li> </ul>

**Complete the statements with the correct forms of the verbs or with any word missing (to- that - correct form of the verb)**

1. He can't stand getting up (get up) early
2. Will they enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ (do) this?
3. If you want \_\_\_\_\_ (me - tell) you, I will.
4. You have to promise \_\_\_\_\_ (keep) it a secret!
5. I really don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ (look after) my little sister.
6. Nobody enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ (argue) with a friend
7. He asked \_\_\_\_\_ (she, come) with us.
8. She agreed \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) the pudding to the dinner.
9. She suggested \_\_\_\_\_ (we - go) to the museum.
10. I don't want \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) yet.
11. The teacher told \_\_\_\_\_ (students - meet) at the station at 9 a.m.
12. He explained \_\_\_\_\_ he understood love for a woman somewhat differently.
13. I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ (you - take) the advice.
14. I promise \_\_\_\_\_ (help) you tomorrow.

## More verb patterns

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I was told to make a report one a week

## SAY

### say + (that) + clause

She said (that) she had felt sorry.

### say + how / what / who + clause

She said how she had felt.

### say + (something) + to + someone

She said sorry to her family.

What did she say to you?

### Say + something + on/about

She says something about this subject.

## TELL

### tell + someone + (that) + clause

I told John (that) I knew the joke.

### tell + someone + why / how + clause

I told John how I knew the joke.

### Tell + someone + something

I told John the joke.

### Tell + someone + about + something

I told John about the joke.

### tell + someone + to + infinitive

I tell John to hear the joke.

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## ASK

### ask + someone + if / question word + clause

I asked my boss if I could leave early.

She asked them where the station was.

### ask + how / what

I asked what to do

I asked what I needed to do

### ask + someone + something

I asked him a favor

### ask + someone + about something

I asked him about the homework.

### ask + someone + for something

I asked him for help

### ask + someone + to + do something

I asked Lucy to pass me the salt.

## AGREE

### Agree + to + infinitive

We agreed to meet the following day.

### Agree + (that) + clause

I agreed that the children could do their homework later.

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## EXPLAIN

### Explain + (that) + clause

The teacher explained that the course was finished.

### Explain + something + to + someone

She explained the grammar to the students.

NOT: She explained me the grammar.

### Explain + question word + to + infinitive

They explained how to buy a train ticket on the internet.

John explained where to find the restaurant.

### Explain + question word + clause

We explained what the exams would cover.

## WARN

### Warn + someone + (not) + to + infinitive

I warned them (not) to go in the water.

### Warn + someone + about + something

She warned us about the dangerous roads.

## Summary

say + that	tell + someone + that
say + something + to + someone	tell + someone + something
say + something + on/about	tell + someone + about + something
ask + someone + to + do something	tell + someone + to + do something
ask + someone + something	Explain + that
ask + someone + for something	Explain + something + to + someone
ask + someone + if / question word + clause	Explain + question word + to + do something

## SAY or TELL

Choose the correct option.

- 1) She **said** / **told** that she liked dancing
- 2) Didn't he **say** / **tell** you that I wanted to see you?
- 3) I want to **say** / **tell** something about this subject
- 4) Just **say** / **tell** me what she **said** / **told**.
- 5) "**Say** / **tell** me about you day." She **said** / **told**.
- 6) I haven't been **said** / **told** anything about it.

Complete the joke with the correct form of either SAY or TELL.

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. As they lay down for the night, Holmes (1) said " Watson, look up into the sky and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ me what you see."

Watson (3) \_\_\_\_\_: "I see millions and millions of stars"

Holmes: "And what does that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ you?"

Watson: Astronomically, it (5) \_\_\_\_\_ me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. In relative terms, it (6) \_\_\_\_\_ me that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ you?"

Holmes: "Somebody stole our tent."

Complete the questions with the most appropriate verb: ASKED, EXPLAINED, SAID, or TOLD.

When was the last time you...

1) \_\_\_\_\_ your friends a joke?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

2) \_\_\_\_\_ no to chocolate?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

3) \_\_\_\_\_ somebody to "cheer up"?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

4) \_\_\_\_\_ what you do for a living?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

5) \_\_\_\_\_ somebody for a ride?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

6) \_\_\_\_\_ sorry to a friend?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

7) \_\_\_\_\_ a friend to help you?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

8) \_\_\_\_\_ the rules of a game to somebody?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

9) \_\_\_\_\_ that you needed to do some exercise?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD

10) \_\_\_\_\_ somebody that you loved them?

ASKED

EXPLAINED

SAID

TOLD