

REPORTING VERBS

When reporting someone's words we usually move on tense further into the past. So **simple present** becomes **simple past**, **simple past** becomes **past perfect**, etc.

☞ "Jill doesn't like you." ➤ Paul told me that Jill **didn't like** me.

☞ "I saw you at the airport yesterday." ➤ Linda said that she **had seen** me at the airport the day before.

<p>a) The verbs "say" and "tell" are common reporting verbs and follow the structure: (that) + subject + verb(s)</p>	<p>admit, announce, answer, claim, complain, confess, declare, explain, inform, insist, mention, promise, reply, state, suggest...</p>
<p>b) Promises, orders, offers, requests, advice, suggestions ... are often reported using to infinitive: ☞ "Shall I <u>call</u> a taxi?" ➤ She offered to call a taxi. ☞ "Don't <u>make</u> so much noise." ➤ The teacher asked me not to make so much noise.</p>	<p>agree, advise, ask, beg, decide, demand, invite, offer, order, promise, refuse, remind, tell, threaten, warn...</p>
<p>c) Some verbs are followed by -ing: ☞ "Sorry I'm <u>late</u>." ➤ Paul apologised for being late. ☞ "Sorry I <u>was</u> late." ➤ Paul apologised for having been late.</p>	<p>accuse of, admit (to), confess to, congratulated for, deny, insist on, regret, thank for ...</p>
<p>d) The special use of "suggest" - "Why not go out to eat something?" Michael suggested ➤ (that) we should go out to eat something. (subject + should + infinitive) ➤ (that) we went out to eat something. (subject + past) ➤ going out to eat something. (-ing)</p>	

REPORT the following as indicated below.

- The doctor apologised for...
- He confessed ...
- Kate admitted to...
- He informed his wife...
- The coach ordered him...

1. "Sorry, but I really have to give you this shot."



2. "I didn't do my homework."



3. "Yes, I lied to you."



4. "Things are not going as planned, dear."



5. "Stop that whining, son."

