

REPORTING VERBS: REVIEW

REPORTING VERBS – PATTERNS

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+ TO + INFINITIVE

*AGREE
*CLAIM
OFFER
*PROMISE
REFUSE
SWEAR
THREATEN

+ PERSON + TO + INFINITIVE

ADVISE
ASK
BEG
CONVINCE
ENCOURAGE
FORBID
INVITE
ORDER
PERSUADE
*RECOMMEND
REMIND
TELL
WARN

+ (PREPOSITION) + -ING

ACCUSE SOMEBODY OF
*ADMIT
APOLOGISE (TO SB) FOR
BLAME (SB) FOR
*COMPLAIN ABOUT
*CONFESS TO
*DENY
*INSIST ON
*RECOMMEND
*REGRET
*SUGGEST

+ THAT + CLAUSE

*ADMIT
*AGREE
ANSWER
*CLAIM
*COMPLAIN
*CONFESS
*DENY
EXPLAIN
*INSIST
*PROMISE
*REGRET
SAY
*SUGGEST

EXAMPLES

She **claims to be** innocent.

She **claims that** she is innocent.

He **promised to call** every day.

He **promised 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.

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Taking into account the pattern each verb follows, solve the following exercises:

1) COMPLETE THE REPORTED STATEMENTS WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE REPORTING VERBS IN THE BOX.

[~~add~~ explain point out reply suggest]

- 0 'Oh and one more thing: I think Rachel is really spoilt.'
She added that she thought Rachel was really spoilt.
- 1 'Why don't we put on a surprise party for Nicky's birthday?'
Alex _____ putting on a surprise party for Nicky's birthday.
- 2 'The coffee machine isn't working because you've forgotten to put water in it.'
He _____ that I had forgotten to put water in the coffee machine.
- 3 'Giving a speech at a wedding is easy. I'll tell you how. First, say something nice about the newlyweds, then propose a toast.'
My brother _____ that first I should say something nice about the newlyweds, then ~~propose~~ propose a toast.
- 4 Me: 'Who's got the gift?'
Rhys: 'I have.'
Rhys _____ that he had the gift.

2) CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

- 1 Nia apologised for *be* / *being* late for the interview.
- 2 The company refused *to pay* / *that they would pay* overtime.
- 3 Ella begged *them to give* / *to give* her the job.
- 4 The boss promised *that he would increase* / *increasing* their salaries.
- 5 His girlfriend accused him *of* / *that* caring more about his job than about her.
- 6 The interviewer suggested *wearing* / *to wear* smarter clothes to the second interview.

3) ADD A MISSING WORD TO EACH SENTENCE.

- 0 The Jones thanked Kelly ^{for} babysitting so late and gave her an extra £10.
- 1 The sergeant ordered his men not shoot unless they were shot at.
- 2 I begged her to contact my parents but she ignored me and called my mum there and then.
- 3 They haven't invited to the mass, so we will just go straight to the reception.
- 4 Taylor apologised being so grumpy and explained that she was very tired.
- 5 I only had a couple of pounds but thankfully, the manager insisted paying for my taxi home.
- 6 Jasmine didn't object spicy food as long as it wasn't ridiculously hot.

4) REPORT THE STATEMENTS USING THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS. SOMETIMES MORE THAN ONE ANSWER IS POSSIBLE.

- 0 Why don't we close the shop early today? (propose)
He proposed closing the shop early that day .
- 1 Don't work for free. (advise/us)
She _____ .
- 2 You got the job? Well done! (congratulate/me)
They _____ .
- 3 Please, please visit us again next month. (urge/her)
We _____ .
- 4 Remember to count the money tonight. (remind/them)
He _____ .
- 5 OK, I forgot to place the order yesterday. (admit)
He _____ .

5) **COMPLETE THE TEXT WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE WORDS IN BRACKETS.**

Take a look at these crazy real-life court cases. Do you think the lawyers managed to convince ⁰the judges that they were right (the judges/they/be/right)?

- A surfer took another surfer to court after accusing him ¹ _____ (take) his wave. The judge refused ² _____ (continue) the case after deciding that it was impossible to put a price on the 'pain and suffering' caused.
- A woman sued a TV station and its weather forecaster for \$1,000 after he assured viewers ³ _____ (the weather/will be) sunny and, in fact, it rained. She claimed ⁴ _____ (the forecast/cause) her to leave home lightly dressed and as a result, she became ill.
- A woman blamed ⁵ _____ (an American supermarket chain/cause) injuries to her feet when canned goods fell from a broken shopping bag. The woman's husband also tried to sue the supermarket chain. He suggested ⁶ _____ (he/miss) his wife's 'comfort and attention' while she was recovering.

