

## reporting verbs

### structures after reporting verbs

- Jack **offered to drive** me to the airport. (4 39))  
I **promised not to tell** anybody.
- The doctor **advised me to have** a rest.  
I **persuaded my sister not to go out** with George.
- I **apologized for being** so late.  
The police **accused Karl of stealing** the car.

To report what other people have said, you can use *say* or a specific verb, e.g. 'I'll drive you to the airport.'

Jack **said** he would drive me to the airport.

Jack **offered** to drive me to the airport.

- After specific reporting verbs, there are one to three different grammatical patterns (see chart on the right)
- In negative sentences, use the negative infinitive (*not to do*) or the negative gerund (*not doing*), e.g. *He reminded me not to be late. She regretted not going to the party.*

1 + <i>to</i> + infinitive	agree refuse threaten	offer promise	(not) to do something
2 + person + <i>to</i> + infinitive	advise ask convince encourage invite	persuade remind tell warn	somebody (not) to do something
3 + <i>-ing</i> form	apologize (to sb) for insist on accuse sb of recommend admit regret blame sb for suggest deny		(not) doing something



### Verbs that use a *that* clause

With *agree*, *admit*, *deny*, *promise*, *regret*, you can also use *that* + clause.  
Leo admitted stealing the watch.  
Leo admitted that he had stolen the watch.

- a Complete with the gerund or infinitive of the verb in brackets.

The garage advised me *to buy* a new car. (buy)

- Jamie insisted on \_\_\_\_\_ for the meal. (pay)
- Lauren has agreed \_\_\_\_\_ late next week. (work)
- I warned Jane \_\_\_\_\_ through the park at night. (not walk)
- The man admitted \_\_\_\_\_ the woman's handbag. (steal)
- The doctor advised Lily \_\_\_\_\_ drinking coffee. (give up)
- The boss persuaded Megan \_\_\_\_\_ the company. (not leave)
- Freya accused me of \_\_\_\_\_ to steal her boyfriend. (try)
- I apologized to Evie for \_\_\_\_\_ her birthday. (not remember)
- Did you manage to convince your parents \_\_\_\_\_ tonight instead of tomorrow? (come)
- My neighbour denies \_\_\_\_\_ my car, but I'm sure it was him. (damage)

- b Complete using a reporting verb from the list and the correct form of the verb in brackets. Use an object where necessary.

accuse invite offer promise recommend refuse remind suggest threaten

- Diana said to me, 'I'll take you to the station.'  
Diana **offered to take** (take) me to the station.
- Ryan said, 'Let's go for a walk. It's a beautiful day.'  
Ryan \_\_\_\_\_ (go) for a walk.
  - 'You copied Anna's exam!' the teacher said to him.  
The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (copy) Anna's exam.
  - Sam's neighbour told him, 'I'll call the police if you have any more parties.'  
Sam's neighbour \_\_\_\_\_ (call) the police if he had any more parties.
  - The children said, 'We're not going to bed. It's much too early.'  
The children \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed.
  - Simon said to me, 'Would you like to have dinner with me?'  
Simon \_\_\_\_\_ (have) dinner with him.
  - Molly said to Jack, 'Don't forget to phone the electrician.'  
Molly \_\_\_\_\_ (phone) the electrician.
  - Ricky said, 'I'll never do it again.'  
Ricky \_\_\_\_\_ (do) it again.
  - Sarah said, 'You really must try Giacobazzi's. It's a fantastic restaurant.'  
Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (try) Giacobazzi's. She said it was fantastic.