

Reported speech: statements and questions

1 Put the words in the correct order to complete the reported statements or questions.

1 the latest / by Philippa Gregory / historical novel / was / Anna said
 _____ very interesting.

2 had bought / the graphic novel / Jim told us / the day before / he

3 we would / at noon / we confirmed that / see them / the next day

4 a fairy tale / at the time / to my niece / I was reading / I said that

5 asked me / the new episode / Joe / if I / had enjoyed
 _____ of *Everything Sucks*.

6 had read / the script / the drama teacher / asked / whether I
 _____ for the school play.

7 were going / Rudy asked us / that night / if we / to the party

8 Nico asked me / with him / whether / I would go / to the cinema
 _____ that evening.

Verb + *ing* / Verb + to + infinitive

2 Match the beginnings of sentences 1–8 with their endings a–h.

1 I demand to _____	a about finding our rooms untidy.
2 They refused to give in and decided _____	b see the director. I don't agree with the plot.
3 We apologised for _____	c call the manager to deal with the problem.
4 Mum hardly ever complains _____	d paying for dinner. It's my treat.
5 They had hoped to _____	e robbing the bank, but denied everything else.
6 I insist on _____	f arriving late to school.
7 The shop assistant offered to _____	g to plan another campaign.
8 The suspect confessed to _____	h publish the story yesterday, but they were too late.

Verb + (object) + to + infinitive / verb + that

3 Choose the best answers to complete the sentences.

- 1 The police officer stated / expected that the suspect should say he was guilty.
- 2 We persuaded Dad to let / letting us have a party.
- 3 John suggested that we should look / looking for a copy in the library.
- 4 You mentioned / taught me not to believe everything I read online.
- 5 Did you remind your brother buying / to buy the concert tickets today?
- 6 Charlie advised that / invited his cousin to stay over the summer.
- 7 The principal warned Sara not to make up / that make up any more excuses.
- 8 The publisher recommended that / to the editor should talk to the author.

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1 Rewrite the questions and sentences in reported speech.

1 'The latest biography about Barack Obama is very interesting.'

Anna said _____.

2 'I read the self-help book yesterday.'

Jim said _____.

3 'We'll meet you both at noon tomorrow.'

They said _____.

4 'I'm reading a fairy tale to my niece right now.'

She said _____.

5 'Did you enjoy the new episode of *Alone Together*?'

Joe asked me _____.

6 'Have you read through the script for the school play yet?'

The drama teacher asked us _____.

7 'Are you going to the party tonight?'

Rudy wondered if we _____.

8 'Are you coming to the cinema with me this evening?'

Nico asked me _____.

Verb + ing / verb + to + infinitive

2 Choose the best answers to complete the sentences.

1 I promise not to stand / stand / standing you up again.

2 They refused to give in / giving in / that give in and decided to plan another campaign.

3 We apologised for continuously arrive / to arrive / arriving late to school.

4 Mum hardly ever complains about to find / finding / that find our rooms untidy.

5 The shop assistant offered calling / to call / call the manager to deal with the complaint.

6 The suspect confessed to rob / robbing / that rob the bank, but he denied the other charges.

7 I insist on paying / pay / to pay for this book. It's my treat.

8 They hoped publishing / to publish / that publish the graphic novel last year, but they didn't find a publisher.

Verb + (object) + to + infinitive / verb + that

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets and that or to where necessary.

1 The director _____ they _____ the script first. (point out, should learn)

2 Charlie _____ his cousin _____ with us over the summer. (invite, stay)

3 The principal _____ Sara _____ any more excuses. (warn, not make)

4 The publisher _____ the editor _____ to the author. (recommend, talk)

5 The police officer _____ the suspect _____ he was guilty. (state, say)

6 We _____ Dad _____ us have a party at the end of term. (persuade, let)

7 John _____ we _____ for the book in the travel literature section. (suggest, look)

8 You _____ me _____ everything I read in the newspapers. (teach, not believe)