

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)