

Introductory verbs

Fill out the table, paying attention to the verbs and that they are followed by an infinitive or gerund.

Introductory Verbs			Direct Speech	Reported Speech
Promise	+	To-infinitive	“Of course I will pay you”	He promised to pay me.
	+	That-clause	“Of course I’ll help you.”	He promised that he would help me.
Threaten	+			She threatened to punish me if I didn’t stop crying.
Beg	+	Somebody + To-infinitive	“Please, please don’t hurt her!”	
Command	+		“Stand to attention!”	He commanded the soldiers to stand to attention.
Invite	+		“Will you have dinner with me?”	He invited me to have dinner with him.
Remind	+			She reminded me to ring Ann.
Warn	+	Somebody + To-infinitive	“Don’t go near the rocks.”	
Admit	+	Gerund	“Yes, I told her the secret.”	
Complain	+	To somebody of gerund		He complained to me of having a toothache.
Suggest	+			He suggested having a party.
	+	That-clause	“You’d better see a doctor.”	
Explain	+		“That’s why I didn’t take it.”	He explained to me that he hadn’t taken it.
Remark	+			She remarked that it was a sunny day.