

## SOME REPORTING VERBS

### A) QUESTIONS

ask	He asked <b>if/whether</b> I would be late (or not)
want to know	They wanted to know where I had found the wallet.
wonder	She wondered why I was angry.

### B) VERB + INFINITIVE

VERB	DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
agree	'Yes, I'll do it again'	He ..... it again
refuse	'No, I won't tell you her secret'	He ..... me her secret.
offer	'Would you like me to drive you home?'	He ..... me home.
promise	'I'll pay you on Friday'	He ..... me the following Friday.
threaten	'Keep quiet or I'll punish you'	He ..... me if I didn't keep quiet

### C) VERB + OBJECT + TO INFINITIVE

VERB	DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
ask	'Please, close the door'	He ..... the door.
beg	'Please, please don't hit the dog'	He ..... the dog.
order	'Don't leave your room again'	He ..... my room again.
encourage	'Come to the party with me, you'll love it'	He ..... to the party with him.
tell	'Do the activities in your book'	He ..... the activities in my book.
warn	'Don't touch the wire with wet hands'	He ..... touch the wire with.....
advise	'You should talk about your problem'	He ..... about my problem.
invite	'I'd like you to come to the party'	He ..... to the party.
remind	'Don't forget to turn the lights off'	He ..... the lights off.

### D) VERB + -ING

VERB	DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
admit (to)	'Yes, I was wrong'	He ..... wrong
deny	'No, I didn't eat your cake'	He ..... / ..... my cake
suggest	'Let's order pizza'	He ..... pizza.*

\*He suggested that we (should) order ....

### E) VERB (+ OBJECT) + PREPOSITION + -ING

VERB	DIRECT SPEECH	REPORTED SPEECH
apologize (to...) for	'I am sorry I hurt you'	He ..... hurting me.
insist on ....	'I'll do it, in insist'.	He ..... it.
congratulate +object+ on	'Congratulations! Your results are....'	He ..... my good results.
blame +object+ for	'We lost because of you'.	He ..... the match.
thank+object+ for	'Thanks for your help.'	He ..... him.
accuse +object+ of	'You stole the money'	He ..... the money.