

REPORTED SPEECH - ADVANCED REVISION AND PRACTICE

There are numerous reporting verbs that are used to report words of others or our own words and thoughts.



VERBS FOLLOWED BY THAT + CLAUSE

add- admit-agree-announce-argue-
believe-claim-complain-confirm-
consider-decide-deny-doubt-estimate-
explain-feel-hope-imply-insist-mean-
mention-object-predict-reckon-remark-
repeat-reply-report-say-state-suggest-
suppose-think



VERBS WHICH CAN BE FOLLOWED BY A PERSON

expect-reassure-
persuade-promise-tell-
threaten-warn



VERBS FOLLOWED BY A PERSON + TO

advise-ask-forbid-
instruct-invite-order-
persuade-remind-tell-
warn

LOOK AT THE PICTURES AND REPORT THE IDEAS.



admit / eat cake



refuse / take the pill



promise / take care for each other



persuade / travel abroad



advise / not move house yet



suggest / try another dress on



SHOULD and the subjunctive form

Most of these verbs contain the sense that someone "should do" something, should can follow them

They suggested that she should apply again.

More formally, the subjunctive can be used instead of should. (without 3rd person S)

They suggested she apply again.

We propose that you leave/should leave your position at the end of the year.

She recommended that they stay/should stay in the Grand Hotel.

Some other verbs of this type are:

- advise (also: someone to do /against sthg)
- agree (also: to do sthg, that+clause)
- demand (also: to do sthg)
- insist (also: on someone doing sthg)
- prefer (also: someone to do sthg)
- propose (also: doing sthg)
- recommend (also: doing sthg)
- request (also: someone to do sthg)
- suggest (also: that+ clause)
- urge (also: someone to do sthg)

**Choose 4 and write
some examples
using both ways.**



Verbs which can be followed by that+ clause containing would decide, expect, hope, promise, threaten.

IMPORTANT: all these verbs report statements containing **WILL**. These verbs can also be followed by an infinitive with **TO**.

"I'll leave at 8:00."

She decided to leave at 8:00.

She decided (that) she would leave at 8:00.

"I'll come back later."

He promised he would come back later.

1) Underline the correct word or phrase in each sentence.

- 1) The government spokesperson denied/refused that there was a crisis.
- 2) Jane said me/told me there was nothing the matter.
- 3) Peter persuaded me /insisted me to stay to dinner.
- 4) The director of studies advised me /suggested me to spend more time in the library.
- 5) Sheila explained me /warned me not to leave the theater on all night.
- 6) The chairperson mentioned us/ reminded us that time was extremely short.
- 7) Bill answered them/ replied them with a detailed description of his plans.
- 8) Michael and Sarah announced /reported that they were going to get married.
- 9) Paul accepted /expected that he had made a mistake , and apologized.
- 10) The manager confirmed /reassured that our room had been reserved.

2) Rewrite each sentence in reported speech, using the best form of the verbs given. Some may be negative.

1) "I think I'll take the brown pair", said the customer.

The customer decided to take the brown pair.

(decide)
(decide)+ (will)
(say) + (will)

2) "Me? No, I didn't take Sue's calculator" ,said Rob.

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(deny)
(deny that)

3) "Don't forget to buy some milk, Andy", said Claire.

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(remind)
(say)+(should)
(remind)+(need)

4) "I'm sorry I couldn't come on Saturday", said David.

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((say)+(could)
(say)+(be able to)
(apologize for)

5) "Why don't you go back to Singapore, Max?", I said.

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(ask)+ (go)
(suggest)+(should)
(suggest)

6) "Be sure not to leave too late, Tim", said Jack.

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(say)+(should)
(warn)
(warn against)

3) Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given.

- 1) "Helen, would you like to come to lunch on Sunday?", asked Mary.

IF

Mary asked Helen if she would like to come to lunch on Sunday.

- 2) "You are not allowed to smoke in this room, Dick", said his mother.

FORBADE

2) Dick's mother in his room.

- 3) Sue thought it would be a good idea for me to see a doctor.

ADVISE

Sue see a doctor.

- 4) The minister proposed regular meetings for the committee.

SUGGESTED

The minister should meet regularly.

- 5) Jack demanded urgent action from the police.

DO

Jack demanded something urgently.

- 6) My bank manager invited me to visit him at home,

COULD

My bank manager.....visit him at home.

- 7) "No, I really don't want to stay the night, Sophia", Ann said.

STAYING

Ann insistedthe night at Sophia's house.

- 8) "I'll call off the football match if you don't behave", the teacher said.

THREATENED

The teacherthe children's behaviour improved.

- 9) "OK mum, I'll do my homework, I promise", said Laura.

THAT

Laurado her homework.