

REPORTING VERBS

Verb pattern for some reporting verbs are:

VERB+ INFINITIVE WITH TO

ASK, OFFER, PROMISE, REFUSE, THREATEN

He **refused to come** to the party.

VERB+ OBJECT PRONOUN/ NOUN + INFINITIVE WITH TO

ADVISE, ASK, BEG, ENCOURAGE, FORBID, INVITE, ORDER, PERSUADE, RECOMMEND, REMIND, TELL, URGE, WARN

He **encouraged me to study** hard.

VERB + THAT CLAUSE WITH SHOULD (Note: the words "that" and "should" are optional)

INSIST, RECOMMEND, SUGGEST

He **suggested (that) we (should) go** to that famous restaurant.

VERB + GERUND

ADMIT, DENY, RECOMMEND, SUGGEST

He **suggested going** to that famous restaurant.

VERB+ PREP + GERUND

APOLOGISE FOR, INSIST ON

He **apologised for being** late

VERB + OBJECT PRONOUN/ NOUN + PREP + GERUND

ACCUSE OF, ADVISE AGAINST, BLAME FOR, CONGRATULATE ON, PRAISE FOR, THANK FOR, WARN AGAINST

He **accused the poor girl of stealing** his glasses.

1. Write the sentences in reported speech:

- Let's go to the cinema!
Agatha suggested _____
- I won't do that again!
Her daughter promised _____
- Don't go out with them!
Her father forbade _____

2. Correct the mistakes in the following reported sentences.

- Shaun refused listening to my explanation. – *to listen* –
- They advised me go to hospital as soon as possible.
- We congratulated him that he passed his driving test.
- She suggested us having lunch on the shore of the lake.
- I confessed losing my cousin's new mobile phone.
- He invited us go to his party that Friday.
- I begged him not telling anyone my secret.
- Olivia insisted to paid me half the taxi fare.
- He encouraged us that we should keep trying.
- Fiona threatened calling the police.