

A

A great opportunity

“I’m 24 years old, and I work in a photography studio. It’s not a very exciting job but I love photography and the pay isn’t bad. But, two months ago, I was given the chance to go to Italy and work on a film by a famous director. My best friend thought that it was a fantastic opportunity and **advised**¹ **me to go**. Dad wasn’t so sure. He didn’t try and **persuade**² **me not to go**, but he **warned**³ **me that** it would be hard work, and **reminded**⁴ **me that** it was only three months, then I’d be out of a job. I **realised**⁵ **that** my girlfriend wasn’t happy about it either, but I **promised**⁶ **her that** I would phone every day, and **suggested**⁷ **that** she could come out to Italy for a holiday while I was there. I didn’t **mention**⁸ **that** I was part of a small team with three other women. Anyway, I’m going.”



¹ say what you think someone should do

² make someone agree to do something by talking a lot

³ tell someone that something bad may happen, to stop it happening

⁴ tell someone something so that they don’t forget it

⁵ understand something (that) you didn’t understand before

⁶ say (that) you will certainly do something

⁷ tell someone about a possible idea or plan

⁸ say something, often briefly or quickly

advise + obj + inf

persuade + obj + inf

warn + obj + (that) ...

remind + obj + (that) ...

realise + (that) ...

promise + (obj) + (that) ...

suggest + (that) ...

mention + (that) ...

Language help

Some verbs can be followed by different constructions. We can also say, for example:

I suggested going there.

suggest + -ing

She warned me not to go.

warn + obj + inf

He reminded me to post the letter.

remind + obj + inf

B

Other verbs

Here are some more verbs which are used with the same constructions.

Verb + (that) ...: *say, hope, notice, recommend and expect.*

I **said** that I was busy. (NOT I said him that I was busy.)

I **hope** (that) you’ll come and see us soon.

When I left, I **noticed** that the door was open. [could see]

I **recommended** that we all go together, so no one gets lost.

I **expect** (that) he’ll ring us later. [think or believe that something will happen]

Verb + object + (that) ...: *tell, show and convince.*

I **told** them (that) they could leave early.

He tried to **convince me** that I needed some new clothes. [make me believe]

Verb + object + to infinitive: *ask, tell, want, allow, expect, remind, help and encourage.*

Tracey **asked** me to look after her cat.

They **told** us to wait outside.

They **want** us to stay at school.

I **expected** them to be here by now.

I had to **remind** him to buy the food. [tell somebody so that they do not forget]

She **helped** me to write the report. (You can also say: She helped me write the report.)

My parents **encouraged** me to read. [gave me support and confidence to make it possible]

Exercises

88.1 Correct the mistakes.

- 1 She encouraged me going. *She encouraged me to go.*
- 2 He told it's impossible.
- 3 I asked that Chloe stay with me.
- 4 She suggested us to go to an Italian restaurant.
- 5 I warned them not going.
- 6 He helped me buying my suit.
- 7 She allowed us go.
- 8 He said me the film was terrible.
- 9 She advised me buy a dictionary.
- 10 I recommended to stay there.
- 11 He reminded me go to the bank.
- 12 I want that he leaves.

88.2 Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the correct form.

realise	warn	expect	remind	convince	encourage
help	persuade	mention	recommend	notice	hope

- 1 She couldn't breathe easily, so I *realised* that something was wrong.
- 2 When we went in, I that people were looking at us.
- 3 Martin knew the area was dangerous but he didn't me not to go there.
- 4 I didn't want the job but my mother me to take it. It was a mistake.
- 5 I wasn't sure about the plan, but my boss me that it would work.
- 6 My uncle that we try the new Chinese restaurant.
- 7 When I spoke to Jodie, I that we were busy tonight.
- 8 Our teacher has always us to practise our English outside of class.
- 9 Fortunately Aidan me that it was Marsha's birthday; I'd forgotten.
- 10 I said I would Ian to put up the shelves.
- 11 They said they'd come, so I that they'll be here soon.
- 12 I that I pass my exams.

88.3 Complete the sentences in a suitable way.

- 1 He was given some money and I recommended *that he put it in the bank.*
- 2 Some of them were getting hungry so I suggested
- 3 She said there were strange noises outside her flat, so I advised
- 4 When I saw her face, I noticed
- 5 When I was young, my parents sometimes allowed
- 6 As soon as I put on the coat, I realised
- 7 It was only a few minutes to the beach, but I still couldn't persuade
- 8 Her train was delayed, so I expect
- 9 The water can make you ill and I warned
- 10 I borrowed his laptop yesterday but promised him that

88.4 Over to you

Look at the verbs on the opposite page again and translate them into your own language. Do you use the translated verbs with the same constructions? If not, these are the verbs that may cause you the most problems when you are speaking English.