

Main reporting verbs

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| say sth to sb | "You did" → She said she was ill |
| tell sb | "You're late, Dad" → she told her father he was late |
| tell sb to do / not to do | "Don't come back, Josh" → She told Josh not to go back |
| ask | "Can I come tomorrow?" → she asked if she could go the day after |
| wonder | "Why are they looking at me?" → she wondered why they were looking at her |
| explain (to sb) | "I'm angry because I missed the train" → She explained the next she was angry because she had missed the train |
| Verbs + sbj + to | |
| Advise sb to do sth | You should read this book, Anne → She advised Anne to read that book |
| Beg sb to do sth | Please, Mum, take me to Disney land → She begged her mother to take her to D. |
| Forbidden sb to do sth | You mustn't see that girl again! → she forbade him to see that girl again |
| Invite sb to | Why don't you come over for dinner? → She invited her friend over for dinner |
| Remind sb to do (stht) | Remember to post the card → she reminded me to post the card |
| Warn sb to / not to (stht) | Don't touch it, it's dangerous → She warned us not to touch it because it was hot |
| Verbs + to | |
| agree to do sth / that | OK, I'll lend you my car, Bill → She agreed to lend Bill her car |
| offer to do sth | Shall I carry that for you, Grandma? → She offered to carry it for her grandmother |
| promise to do sth / that | I will call you soon → she promised to call me soon |
| Refuse to do sth | I won't help you again! → She refused to help me again |
| Threaten to do sth | I'll tell Mum if you don't do your homework → She threatened to tell Mum if I didn't do my homework |
| Verbs + ing | |
| Confess to (stht) | OK, I cheated during the test → she confessed to cheating during the test |
| Complain about (stht) | The clothes are so expensive here → she complained the clothes were so exp. there |
| Deny (stht) | No! I didn't steal your money! → she denied stealing (during school) my money |
| Admit (not) (stht) | Well, I'm a bit lazy → She admitted being a bit lazy / (that) she was a bit lazy |
| recommend | Visit the museum in the morning! → she recommended visiting the museum |
| suggest | Let's go for a walk, shall we? → She suggested going for a walk |
| Verbs + gerp (= -ing) | |
| apologise (to sb) for | Sorry I hurt you, Charles → She apologised to Charles for hurting him |
| Accuse sb of | You are lying to me → She accused me of lying to her |
| Blame sb for | It's your fault, you made me do it → she blamed me for making her do it |
| Congratulate sb on | Congratulations, you passed the test → She congratulated me on passing the test |
| Discourage sb from | I wouldn't talk to him if I were you → she discouraged me from talking to him |
| Suggest that + subj + should | You should read this book, Anne → she suggested Anne should read that book |