



## REPORTING VERBS

Reporting verbs are used to report what someone said more accurately than using **say & tell**. They express the force or the purpose of the action.

### REPORTING VERBS: GROUPS

#### 1. Verb only

*'I'm really sorry'*

*She **apologised**.*

**agree, apologise, refuse**

#### 2. Verb+ (that) + clause

*'I hacked into the company's accounts system.'*

*He **admitted (that)** he had hacked into the company's accounts system.*

**e.g.** : accept, acknowledge, **add, admit**, advise, agree, announce, answer\*, argue, assert, assume, believe, boast, **claim**, comment, **complain**, concede, conclude, confess, continue\*, decide, declare, deny, doubt, exclaim, expect, explain, foresee, imagine, imply, insist, know, mention, notice, observe, point out, predict, **promise**, protest, recommend, remark, repeat, **reply**\*, report, respond, reveal, **say**, shout\*, state, suggest, vow, whisper.

(\*=**that is obligatory**)

(**Bolded letter verbs**= unit verbs)

#### 3. Verb+ object+ that clause

*"Don't worry. You'll arrive on time"*

She **reassured** me that I would arrive on time.

**e.g.**: advise, assure, inform, reassure, remind, tell, warn

#### 4. Verb+ (not) to-infinitive

*"We'll pick up the children if you like"*

They **offered** to pick up the children.

**e.g.** : agree, demand, guarantee, offer, propose, refuse, swear, threaten, volunteer, vow.

### 5. Verb+ object+(not)+to- infinitive

*"You shouldn't say anything"*

I **advised** him not to say anything.

**e.g.:** advise, allow, challenge, command, encourage, expect, forbid, force, implore, instruct, invite, order, permit, persuade, remind, request, tell, urge, warn.

### 6. Reporting Verb + -ing

*"I didn't do it"*

He **denied** doing it.

**e.g. :** admit, apologize for, decide on, deny, mention, recommend, regret, report, suggest.

### 7. Verb+ object+ preposition+-ing

*"You forged the cheques"*

They **accused** me **of** forging the cheques.

**e.g.:** accuse sb. of, blame sb. for, congratulate sb. on , confess to, criticize sb. for, thank sb. for ,warn sb. against.

### 8. Verb+ that' object+should+infinitive without to

*"Let's go for a drink"*

He **suggested** me that we should go for a drink.

**e.g.:** suggest, recommend, insist, demand.

### 9. Verb+ question word/if+ sentence in reported speech

*"Would you like a drink?"*

He **wondered** whether/ if I would like a drink.

**e.g.:** ask, wonder, want to know.