**Main reporting verbs**

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| say sth (to sb) | 'I'm ill' → 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 (to me) she was angry because she had missed the train |
| **Verbs + obj + to** |  |
| Advise sb to do sth | You should read this book, Anne → She advised Anne to read that/the book |
| Beg sb to do sth | Please, Mum, take me to Disneyland → She begged her mother to take her to D.. |
| Forbid 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 (that) | Remember to post the card. → she reminded me to post the card |
| Warn sb to / not to (that) | Don't touch it: it's dangerous. → She warned us not to touch it because it was dan... |
| **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, Gran? → 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 (that) | Ok, I cheated during the test. → she confessed to cheating during the test. |
| Complain about (that) | The clothes are so expensive here. → she complained the clothes were so exp. there |
| Deny (that) | No! I didn't steal your money! → she denied stealing (having stolen) my money. |
| Admit (to) (that) | 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 |
| **Verb + prep (+ -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 |

**Grammar / Use of English: reported speech – reporting verbs Exercise + key**

**Paraphrase the following sentences using the most appropriate reporting verbs. Write complete sentences. Do NOT use *that*-clauses, similar clauses without the word *that*, or the words *if, whether, why, could, should* and *would.* Do NOT paraphrase or rewrite the sentences in brackets.**

 1) ‘Could you sign the book, please?’ she said.

 2) ‘Shall we go for a walk?’ said George.

 3) ‘Would you mind taking off your hat?’ Mr. Cooper said to the woman in front of him.

 *(He was in the theatre.)*

 4) ‘Shall I wait for you? I’ll wait for you if you like,’ Aimee said.

 5) ‘I don’t want to go dancing,’ Yvonne said.

 6) ‘You’d better throw the cracked glass away,’ said her mother.

 7) ‘Please, please don’t do anything dangerous,’ said Clare. *(She was very much in love with him.)*

 8) ‘Would you mind waiting?’ she said.

 9) ’Shall I help you?’ I said.

10) 'I didn’t carry out the attack,’ the arrested man said.

11) ‘What about putting the mattress on the floor?’ she asked.

12) ‘Let’s not worry about the climate change,’ he said.

13) ‘It was me who invented the Internet,’ he said.

14) ‘I’m sorry, I ate all the biscuits this morning,’ Tom said.

15) ‘Why don’t you ask him?’ Amanda said.

16) ‘Don’t enter the lab without the teacher’s permission,’ the principal said.

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**KEY:**

asked him to sign /suggested going / asked the woman in front of him to take off /offered to wait /

refused to go /advised her to throw / begged him not to do /asked him to wait / offered to help (him) /

denied carrying out OR denied having carried out / suggested putting /suggested not worrying / claimed to have invented / admitted eating OR admitted having eaten / suggested asking / told them not to enter