

REPORTED SPEECH- REPORTING VERBS

A. Verb + (that)+ subject+ verb tense

add, admit, agree*, announce, answer, argue, assure, claim, comment, confess, declare, explain, insist*, mention, point out, promise*, recommend, reply, reveal, say, suggest*, tell*.*

“ I robbed the bank”, he said. \Rightarrow He **confessed that** he had robbed the bank.

“ I'm getting married next month”, he said. \Rightarrow He **announced that** he was getting married the following month.

B. Verb+object (person)+ to-infinitive.

Ask(= pedir), advise, beg, forbid, invite, order, remind, recommend, tell, encourage, persuade, warn.

“ Don't ever cheat me again or ...” he said. \Rightarrow He warned me not to *cheat him again*.

“Please, please, let me go out this weekend”, she told her father. \Rightarrow She **begged her father to let** her go out that weekend.

“Would you like to go out for dinner?” \Rightarrow She **invited me to go out** for dinner

C .Verb+ to-infinitive: *Accept, agree, offer, promise, refuse, threaten.*

“ I won't give you your money back”, he said \Rightarrow He **refused to give** him his money back.

“ If you don't pay me immediately, I'll call the police” \Rightarrow He **threatened to call** the police if I didn't pay him immediately.

D. Verb+ing: *Admit, deny, recommend, regret, suggest, propose*

“Yes, I broke the window”, he said \Rightarrow He **admitted breaking/ having broken** the window.

“Let's go out for a walk”, he said. \Rightarrow He **suggested going out** for a walk.

“No, I don't know this man”, he said. \Rightarrow He **denied knowing** that man.

E. verb + preposition+ ing: *Apologize for, insist on, complain about*

“I'm really sorry I lied to you”, he said. \Rightarrow He **apologized for lying/having lied** to me.

F. Verb+ object+preposition+ing: *Blame sb for, congratulate sb for/on, accuse sb of.; thank sb.for*

“You broke the window”, he said. \Rightarrow He **accused me of breaking/ having broken** the window.

NOTE:

Agree:

“ Yes, I think that is a very good idea” : He agreed **(that) that was** a very good idea.

“ Ok. We can work with them on this project” : He agreed **to work** with them on that project.

Suggest: “Why don't **we** go to the pool” _ He suggested going to the pool.

“Why don't **you** go to the doctor?”. He suggested that I went/ should go to the doctor.