

INTRODUCTORY VERBS in REPORTED SPEECH

<p><u>verb + to + infinitive</u></p> <p>agree demand offer promise refuse threaten claim</p>	<p>"Yes, I'll come with you." "Tell me everything." "Would you like me to carry it?" "I'll study more." "No, I won't come with you." "Behave yourself or I'll punish you" "I heard her say that."</p>	<p>He agreed to come with me. He demanded to be told everything. He offered to carry it. He promised to study more. He refused to come with me. He threatened to punish me if I didn't behave myself. He claimed to have heard her say that.</p>
<p><u>verb + sb + to + infinitive</u></p> <p>advise allow ask beg command encourage forbid instruct invite sb order permit remind urge warn want</p>	<p>"You should take a coat." "You can use my phone." "Please, put it away." "Please, please help me." "Fire!" "Go ahead, phone her." "You mustn't eat sweets." "Insert coin." "Would you like to come to my house?" "Sit down immediately." "You may speak now." "Don't forget to pay the bill." "Finish your work." "Don't touch that switch!" "I'd like you to go out."</p>	<p>He advised me to take a coat. He allowed me to use his phone. He asked me to put it away. He begged me to help him. He commanded the soldiers to fire. He encouraged me to phone her. He forbade me to eat sweets. He instructed me to insert coin. He invited me to go to his house. He ordered me to sit down immediately. He permitted me to speak. He reminded me to pay the bill. He urged me to finish my work. He warned me not to touch that switch. He wanted me to go out.</p>
<p><u>verb + "ing" form</u></p> <p>accuse sb of apologise for admit (to) boast about complain to sb about deny insist on suggest</p>	<p>"You broke the vase." "I'm sorry I upset you." "Yes, I lied to her." "I'm better than you." "You never tidy up." "No, I didn't steal the car." "You must wear warm clothes." "Let's go to the theatre."</p>	<p>He accused me of breaking the vase. He apologized me for upsetting/ having upset me. He admitted (to) lying/ having lied to her. He boasted about being better than me. He complained to me about my never tidying up. He denied stealing/ having stolen the car. He insisted on me/ my wearing warm clothes. He suggested going to the theatre.</p>
<p><u>Verb + that- clause</u></p> <p>agree boast claim complain deny exclaim explain inform sb promise suggest</p>	<p>"Yes, that is a beautiful hat." "I'm brilliant dentist." "I know the answer." "You never listen to me." "I've never spoken to her." "It's wonderful!" "It's an easy recipe to follow." "You will be called for an interview." "I won't lie to you again." "You ought to take the other road."</p>	<p>He agreed that it was a beautiful hat. He boasted that he was a brilliant dentist. He claimed that he knew the answer. He complained that I never listened to him. He denied that he had spoken to her. He exclaimed that it was wonderful. He explained that it was an easy recipe to follow. He informed me that I would be called for an interview. He promised that he wouldn't lie to me again. He suggested that I take the other road.</p>
<p><u>Verb + how</u></p> <p>explain to sb</p>	<p>"This is how you make it."</p>	<p>He explained to me how to make it.</p>
<p><u>Wonder where/ what/ why/ how + clause</u> (when the subject of the introductory verb is not the same as the subject in the reported question)</p>	<p>He asked himself, "How can she reach the top?" He asked himself, "Where is Joan." He asked himself, "Why is she crying?" He asked himself, "What is she doing?"</p>	<p>He wondered how she could reach the top. He wondered where Joan was. He wondered why she was crying. He wondered what she was doing.</p>
<p><u>Wonder + whether + to- inf or clause</u> <u>Wonder where/ what/ how + to- inf</u> (when the subject of the infinitive is the same as the subject of the verb)</p>	<p>He asked himself, "Shall I buy that car?" He asked himself, "Where am I going?" He asked himself, "What should I tell her?" He asked himself, "How can I fix it?"</p>	<p>He wondered whether to buy that car/ he should buy that car. He wondered where he was going. He wondered what he should tell her. He wondered how to fix it.</p>

EXERCISES:

Fill in the gaps with one of the introductory verbs from the list below in the past simple

Agree, invite, warn, accuse, boast, complain, insist, explain, exclaim, remind, suggest, promise

1. "Will you come to the ball?" He said to her. He _____ her to go to the ball.
2. "I'm the best student in the school" he said. He _____ about being the best student.
3. "Yes, I'll lend you some money" he said to Jane. He _____ to lend Jane some money.
4. "What a beautiful dress she is wearing!" he said. He _____ that she was wearing a beautiful dress.
5. "He never buys me flowers!" she said. She _____ that he never bought her flowers.
6. "Let's go for a picnic" he said. He _____ going for a picnic.
7. "You stole the money" Tom said to Jim. Tom _____ Jim of stealing the money.
8. "Don't forget to hang out the washing" she said to me. She _____ me to hang out the washing.
9. "I promise I'll write to you", she said to him. She _____ to write to him.
10. "You must finish the report" she said to him. She _____ on him finishing the report.
11. "Don't touch the wet paint," Dad said to us. Dad _____ us not to touch the wet paint.
12. "There's nothing else I can do", he said. He _____ that there was nothing else he could do.