Reported Speech: Reporting Verbs

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The teacher advised the students that they should prepare their home tasks.

(Here in this sentence "advised" is a reporting verb that is reporting on the students that they should prepare their home tasks.)

When we tell someone what another person said, we often use the verbs *say*, *tell* or *ask*. These are called **'reporting verbs'**.

However, we can <u>also</u> use other reporting verbs. Many reporting verbs can be followed by another verb in either an infinitive or an *-ing* form.

direct speech: 'You should come, it's going to be a lot of fun,' she said.

indirect speech: She persuaded me to come.

direct speech: 'Wait here,' he said.

indirect speech: He told us to wait there.

direct speech: 'It wasn't me who finished the coffee,' he said.

indirect speech: He denied finishing the coffee.

Reporting verb + infinitive

Verbs such as *advise*, *agree*, *challenge*, *claim*, *decide*, *demand*, *encourage*, *invite*, *offer*, *persuade*, *promise*, *refuse* and *remind* can follow an *infinitive* pattern. *to V1*)

'Let's see. I'll have the risotto, please.'

• He decided to have the risotto.

'I'll do the report by Friday, for sure.'

She promised to do the report by Friday.

'It's not a good idea to write your passwords down.'

• They advised us **not to write** our passwords down.

We can also use an infinitive to report imperatives, with a reporting verb like *tell*, *order*, *instruct*, *direct* or *warn*.

'Please wait for me in reception.'

• The guide told us to wait for her in reception.

'Don't go in there!'

The police officer warned us not to go in there.

Reporting verb + -ing form

Verbs like *admit*, *apologise for*, *complain about*, *deny*, *insist on*, *mention and suggest* can follow an Gerund, that means '-ing' form pattern. (Ving)

direct speech: 'I broke the window.'

She **admitted** breaking the window. (*indirect* speech)

direct speech: 'I'm really sorry I didn't get back to you sooner.'

He **apologised** for not getting back to me sooner. (*indirect* speech)

direct speech: 'Let's take a break.'

She **suggested** taking a break. (*indirect* speech)

Ucar says "Arkadaşlar, sınavda benzer sorular gelir. Örnekleri iyi inceleyin."

EXAM-LIKE EXERCISE: CHOSE THE CORRECT OPTION:

'I really must know what's going on here.' \rightarrow She demanded _____ what was going on there.

knew

knowing

to know (Arkadaşlar bildiğiniz üzere, 'demand' talep etmek, istemek manasında.

Synonym: request

Ve bu fiil 'infinitive' yapısı ile kullanılır. ([+ to infinitive] I **demand** <u>to</u> **see** the manager.)

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.

accept, acknowledge, add, admit, advise, agree, announce, answer*, argue, assert, assume, believe, boast, 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)

3 Verb + object + that clause

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

→ She reassured me that I would arrive on time.

advise, assure, inform, reassure, remind, tell, warn

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4 Verb + to infinitive

'We'll pick up the children, if you like.'

→ They offered to pick up the children.

agree, demand, guarantee, offer, propose, refuse, swear, threaten, volunteer, vow

5 verb (+ optional object) + to infinitive

'Please can I use the car?'
→She asked to use the car
'Please let me stay.'
→She begged us to let her stay.

ask (sb), beg (sb), expect (sb), promise (sb)

6 Verb + object + to + infinitive

'You shouldn't say anything.' →I advised him not to say anything.

advise, allow, challenge, command, compel, encourage, expect, forbid, force, implore, instruct, invite, order, permit, persuade, remind, request, tell, urge, warn

7 Verb + object + to + infinitive + complement

'Muhammad Ali was the greatest boxer ever.'
→ She considers Muhammad Ali to have been the greatest boxer ever.

acknowledge, assume, believe, claim, consider, declare, expect, feel, find, presume, suppose, think, understand

8 Verb + -ing form

'I didn't do it. '

→ He denied doing it.

admit, apologise for, decide on, deny, mention, recommend, regret, report, suggest

9 Verb + object + preposition + -ing form

'You forged the cheques, didn't you?'
→They accused me of forging the cheques.

accuse sb of, blame sb for, congratulate sb on, thank sb for

Reported Verbs List

Said	Blessed
Told	Thanked
Asked	Apologized
Requested	Regretted
Advised	Informed
Exclaimed	Commented
Proposed	Congratulated
Suggested	Denied



Persuaded	Complained
Admired	Promised
Refused	Begged
Offered	Threatened
Allowed	Reported
Invited	Insisted

Verb + That + Clause			
Complain	"You're always late."	She complained that I was always late.	
Deny	"I've never flown in an aeroplane."	She denied that she had flown in an aeroplane.	
Explain	"It's an easy recipe to follow."	He explained that it was an easy recipe to follow.	
Exclaim/ remark	"What a beautiful baby he is."	She exclaimed/remarked that he was a beautiful baby.	
Promise	"I promise I'll call you."	She promised that she would call me.	

(3) Ucar says "Arkadaşlar, sınavda benzer sorular gelir. Örnekleri iyi inceleyin."

He	admitted	_ that he had	stolen the car.		
a)	described	b) admitted	c) reminded	d)	commented
			y she had been c) refused		
	responded responded		ny questions. c) answered	d)	denied
	e <u>recalled</u> directed		already told her c) assured		
The	y promised	to come o	on time.		
a)	instructed	b) suggested	c) mentioned	d)	promised

Reporting verbs and reported speech

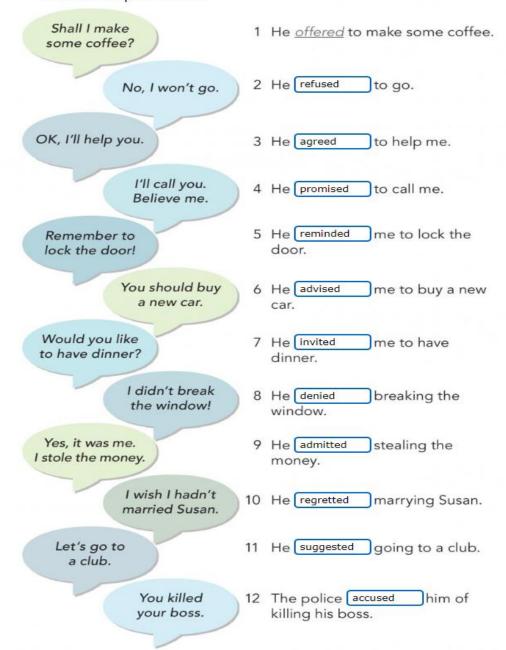
Reporting verbs: More accurate than say or tell

- verb + infinitive: agree, threaten, decide, offer, promise, refuse
 - They agreed to discuss it at a later date.
- verb + object + infinitive: advise, invite, encourage, warn, remind
 - She encouraged me to speak up.
- verb + gerund: recommend, deny, suggest
 - I recommended waiting another week.
- There are several more patterns: Research 'Reporting verbs'.

Reported speech

- Event has passed Select the correct past tense to report it.
 - "We'll check in tomorrow." They said they'll check in tomorrow.
 - "I'm getting frustrated" He said he was getting frustrated.
 - "We waited for two hours" They said they had waited for two hours.
- Still remains true or relevant We can use the present
 - "I love being in nature" Mark said he loves being in nature.
 - "I'm waiting for them to call me" She says she's waiting for them to call.

c Complete the sentences below with the correct reporting verb in the past tense.



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2 GRAMMAR reporting verbs

- a Look at some extracts from the four news stories. Match them to the direct speech A–F.
 - 1 He persuaded a company in Almeria in Spain, to produce the wine.
 - 2 He...recommends drinking it on the beach, or around the swimming pool.
 - 3 A zoo in Egypt has denied painting a donkey with black stripes...
 - 4 ...a local vet...agreed to examine the photo.
 - 5 He advised me not to take football so seriously.
 - 6 He **threatened to steal** another shark if he felt it was necessary.
 - A 4 'OK, I'll have a look at it.'
 - B 2 'That's the best place to have it.'
 - C 6 'I'll do it again if I have to.'
 - D 5 'Don't do it it's not very important.'
 - E 1 'Please make it for me.'
 - F 3 'We definitely didn't do it.'
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reporting verbs

structures after reporting verbs

- 1 Jack offered to drive me to the airport. I promise not to tell anybody.
- **38.12**
- 2 Doctors advise us to do more exercise. I persuaded my sister not to go out with George.
- 3 I apologized for being so late. The police accused Karl of stealing the car.
- To report what other people have said, we can use say or a specific verb, e.g. 'I'll drive you to the airport.'
- Jack said he would drive me to the airport. OR Jack offered to drive me to the airport. • After specific reporting verbs, there are three different
- grammatical patterns (1-3 in the chart). • In negative sentences, we use the negative infinitive (not to do) or the negative gerund (not doing), e.g. He reminded me not to be late. She regretted not going to the party.
- In group 3, we can use a perfect gerund with very little difference in meaning, e.g. He admitted stealing the money. He admitted having stolen the money.

Grammatical patterns after reporting verbs			
1 + to + infinitive	agree offer refuse promise threaten	(not) to do sth	
2 + person + to + infinitive	advise persuade ask remind convince tell encourage warn invite	sb (not) to do sth	
3 + -ing form	apologize (to sb) for insist on accuse sb of recommend admit regret blame sb for suggest deny	(not) doing sth	

Verbs that use a that clause

With agree, admit, deny, promise, and regret, you can also use that + clause.

Leo admitted stealing the watch.

Leo admitted that he had stolen the watch.

Complete the sentence with the gerund or infinitive (with to) of the verb in brackets.

	The garage advised me <u>to buy</u> a new car.
	(buy)
1	Jamie insisted on paying for the
	meal. (pay)
2	Lauren has agreed to work
	next week. (work)
3	I warned Jane not to wear those
	shoes to the park. (not wear)
4	The man admitted stealing the
	woman's handbag. (steal)
5	The doctor advised Lily to give up
	drinking coffee. (give up)
6	The boss persuaded Megan not to leave
_	the company. (not leave)
7	Freya accused me of trying to
•	steal her phone. (try)
8	I apologized to Evie for not remembering
_	her birthday. (not remember)
9	Did you manage to convince your parents
	to come tonight instead of
10	tomorrow? (come)
10	My neighbour denies damaging my

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- 1 Ryan **suggested going** for a walk.
- 2 The teacher accused Simon of copying Anna's exam.
- 3 Sam's neighbour threatened to call the police if he had any more parties.
- 4 The children **refused to go** to bed.
- 5 Peter **invited me to have** dinner with him.
- 6 Molly reminded Jack to phone the electrician.
- 7 Ricky promised to never do / never to do it again.
- 8 Sarah **recommended trying** Giacobazzi's.

Reporting Verbs Exercise

Change the direct speech into reported speech. Use the verb in brackets.

1.	"Don't forget to buy milk!" said Dicle to Zeynep. (remind, using infinitive)
2.	"You shouldn't go into the water" said the coast guard. (advise against)
3.	"I'll go to France on holiday," said Hamza. (decide, using infinitive)
4.	"I think you should go to the dentist" Emre said to Umut. (advise, using infinitive)
5.	"Watch out for the weak bridge" he said. (warn, using 'about')
6.	"You should apply for the job" Bekir to Alp. (encourage)
7.	"Okay, Mustafa can go to the party" said Mustafa's mum. (agree, using clause)
8.	"The class will start later on Tuesdays" said the teacher to us. (explain + clause)
9.	"It's a great idea to go to the beach," said Aleyna. (recommend + verb-ing)
10.	"Don't cross the road there" she said to the children. (warn, using infinitive)

"I'll study really hard for the exam," said Luke. (promise + to + i	infinitive)
"This is where the station is," said Ceyda. (explain, using questi	ion word + clause)
"Right, let's buy the car in the morning!" we said. (agree + infin	iitive)
"Don't forget that Lucy needs to go to the dentist," she said to n clause)	ne. (remind, using
"How about having Turkish food?" I said. (suggest, using verb-i	ing)
"I'll be early" I said to my mother. (promise + clause)	
"I'm sorry I forgot your birthday" said Diana to me. (apologise)	
"I'll leave at six pm!" Simge said. (decide + clause)	
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Answers

- 1. Dicle reminded Zeynep to buy milk.
- 2. The coast guard advised against going into the water.
- 3. Hamza decided to go to France on holiday.
- 4. Emre advised Umut to go to the dentist.
- 5. He warned us about the weak bridge.
- 6. Bekir encouraged Alp to apply for the job.
- 7. Mustafa's mum agreed that Mustafa could go to the party.
- 8. The teacher explained to us that the class would start later on Tuesdays.
- 9. Aleyna recommended going to the beach.
- 10. She warned the children not to cross the road there.
- 11. David insisted on making the coffee.
- 12. Luke promised to study really hard for the exam.
- 13. Ceyda explained where the station was.
- 14. We agreed to buy the car in the morning.
- 15. She reminded me that Lucy needed to go to the dentist.
- 16. I suggested having Turkish food.
- 17. I promised my mother that I would be early.
- 18. Diana apologised for forgetting my birthday.
- 19. Simge decided that she would leave at six pm.
- 20. Duygu explained how to use the present perfect.