

REPORTING VERBS

REPORTED SUGGESTIONS

PATTERNS: SUGGEST + ING

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Eg. "Let's have a surprise party for Eddie," she said.

-She suggested having a surprise party for Eddie. (The speaker is definitely involved in the activity)

-She suggested (that) we have / had / should have a surprise party for Eddie.

Note: We cannot say: She suggested to have a surprise party for Eddie.

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1. VERB + OBJECT + INFINITIVE

Eg. She asked me to come.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: advise, beg, encourage, invite, order, persuade, remind, warn, ask, tell.

2. VERB + (THAT) + CLAUSE

Eg. She says (that) she doesn't want to speak to you.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: say, claim, admit, explain, promise, hope, suggest, warn, insist, complain, reply, deny, agree, decide.

3. VERB + OBJECT (NOUN OR PRONOUN) + (THAT) + CLAUSE

Eg. He told us (that) he worked for a big international company.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: remind, warn, advise, tell, promise.

4. VERB + GERUND

Eg. He admitted lying to the teacher.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: admit, deny, recommend, suggest.

*Note: verbs in groups 2, 3, and 4 can also be used with (THAT) + CLAUSE.

Eg. He admitted (that) he had lied.

5. VERB + PREPOSITION + GERUND

Eg. She apologized for being so rude.

She discouraged me from giving up school.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: accuse (of), apologize (for), blame (for), congratulate (on), discourage (from), insist (on), thank (for).

6. VERB + INFINITIVE

Eg. We agreed to meet again in September.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: agree, decide, offer, promise, refuse, threaten, ask, hope, refuse.

7. VERB + OBJECT

Eg. She accepted the invitation.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: accept, refuse.

8. VERB + 2 OBJECTS

Eg. She offered her a cup of coffee.

Other verbs with the same pattern are: introduce, offer.

