

I. Reported speech with infinitive(s):

1. Reported requests and orders

* to tell/ask someone to do something

- "Listen to me.", my teacher said. => My teacher told me to listen to her.

- "Shut the door." She said . => She asked me to shut the door.

* to tell/ask someone not to do something

- "Don't talk in class." => My teacher asked me not to talk in class.

2. Reported offers and suggestions

* offer, promise, refuse, agree, threaten, hope, wish,.... => S +reported verb+ to -inf

- "I will do my homework." => She promised to do her homework.

* remind, warn, advise, invite, allow, => S +reported verb+ object + to-inf

- "You should not drink too much beer." => He advised me not to drink too much beer.

II. Reported speech with Gerund

We use reported speech with Gerund in order to report feelings or suggestions.

suggest , admit , deny, insist on , think of, dream of, look forward to , apologize (sb) for...

accuse sb of , thank sb for , congratulate sb on ,prevent sb from, warn sb against...

Ex:

- "It was nice of you to help me. Thank you very much," Tom said to you.

=> Tom thanked me for helping him.

- "I'm sorry I didn't phone you earlier," Mary said.

=> Mary apologized for not phoning me earlier.

- "Stay here! I can't let you go out tonight" her mother said to Jane

=> Her mother prevented Jane from going out that night.

III. EXERCISES OF REPORTED SPEECH

I. Complete the following sentences without changing their meanings:

1. The doctor said to me, "You should lose weight."

The doctor advised me

6. "I won't help you with your homework. Never ! " Jane said to me.

Jane refused

7. Joe said, "Please come to my party."

Joe invited

8. Mr. Gray said, "Don't play in the street."

Mr. Gray warned the children not

9. "Would you like to come on a picnic with us?"

They invited

10. "Please don't tell anybody what happened."

He asked

11. "If you don't give me a pay rise. I'll resign."

She threatened

12. "I'll finish the work by the end of this week."

John promised

13. "You ought to take a break, Andrew."

She advised

14. "Don't forget to go to the supermarket after work."

They reminded

16. She told me, " I am going to the party with my mother".

She told me.....

17. They said, " We have plenty of time to do our work".

18. He said, " This is the book you have been looking for".

He said.....

19. When did they tell you that?

They wanted to know.....

