

Reported speech with infinitives and gerund

Reported speech with infinitives : We usually use an infinitive structure to report orders, requests, advice, suggestions, threats, warning, promises, agreements, disagreements and so on.

Ex:

- a) He promised to write
- b). I advise you to think again before you decide

Form:

Using **object + to- infinitive** after these verbs

Advise, ask, beg, command, compel, encourage, entreat, expect, forbid, implore, instruct, invite, order, permit, persuade, recommend, remind, request, tell, urge, warn..

Ex: " Don't forget to send this letter, Peter"
I said

→ I reminded Peter to send that letter

Using **to- infinite** after these verbs : *agree, demand, guarantee, hope, offer, promise, propose, swear, threaten, volunteer, vow*

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Ex: She said " I'll take you to town "

→ She offered to take me to town

Say+ to - infinitive is used in informal English

Ex: Tim said to put the box on the table

WH- question word + to infinitive is commonly used

Ex: He asked her how to make a sponge cake



Reported speech with gerund : We usually use a gerund structure to report thanking, apologies, accusations, and so on.

Ex: Ex: "Sorry, I'm late"

She apologized for being late

Ex: " I didn't do that"

She denied doing that

Form:

V+(O)+Preposition+(not)+ V-ing

Using **object + preposition + gerund**

after these verbs : *accuse (of), congratulate (on), forgive (for), prevent(from), stop (from), suspect (of), thank (for), warn (against) ...*

Ex: " You tell lies" said they

→ They accused me of telling lies

" Don't buy this car"

→ They prevented us from buying that car

Apologize to somebody for doing something

Ex: " I am sorry that I made you wait last night"

→ She apologized to me for making me wait the previous night

Suggest, Stop, Admit, Deny, Mention, Propose , Look Forward To+ V-ing

Ex: " Why don't we go on picnic tomorrow ?"

→ She suggested going on picnic the following day

Insist on , Dream of + V-ing

Ex : " I will pay for the meal"

→ Lucy insisted on paying for the meal

Practice :

I. Complete each sentence with an infinitive phrase which combined with the main verb , reports the idea of the speaker's words

1. Joe said " Please come to my party".
→ Joe invited me _____
2. My teacher said, " I think you should take another English course" .
→ My teacher advised me _____
3. Mrs. Brown said, " You may use the phone".
→ Mrs. Brown permitted me _____
4. The doctor said, " Take a deep breath".
→ The doctor told the patient _____
5. My mother said, " Make an appointment with the dentist"
→ My mother reminded me _____
6. The Smiths said, " Would you like to come to our house for dinner?".
→ The Smiths invited us _____
7. The judge said, " You must pay a fine of fifty dollars"
→ The judge ordered Mr. John _____
8. Bill said " Don't touch the hot pot".
→ Bill warned me not _____
9. Sue said " Don't buy a used car" .
→ Sue advised me not _____
10. Mr. Gray said" Don't play in the street".
→ Mr. Gray warned the children not _____



II. Report the first speaker's words. Use the verbs in parentheses and an infinitive phrase

1. Joe: Would you like to go to a movie with me ?
Mary : Yes. I would love to
(INVITE) _____
2. Dr Miller: You should get more exercise.
Steve : I'll try
(ADVISE) _____
3. Ms Holt: Could you please open the door for me ?
Tom: Yes, of course
(ASK) _____
4. Mr. Ward: You may have a cookie and a glass of milk
The children : Thanks, Dad
(PERMIT) _____
5. Prof. Ward: You should take a physics course
Tom : Oh ?
(ENCOURAGE) _____
6. The police officer: Put your hands on the top of your head !
The thief: Who? Me? I didn't do anything
(ORDER) _____
7. Sue: Don't forget to call me
Me : I wont
(REMIND) _____
8. Prof Roth: Don't look directly at the sun during a solar eclipse
Us : Okay
(WARN) _____

III. Report the sentences using one of the verbs in the box

Persuade	Order	Ask	Advise (x2)	Tell	Encourage	Invite
Beg	Remind					

1. "If I were you, I'd go to the doctor's" He said to me
2. " Could you possibly do me a favor?" She asked Tom
3. " Hand in your essay next week" the teacher told the class



4. "Don't forget to post the letter" my wife said to me
5. "Come and have dinner with us" Rosie said to John
6. "You must pay a fine of one hundred pounds" the judge said to Edward
7. "Buy the red dress not the green one" Betty said to Jane. "It is much much nicer".
"Mmm, I am not sure. OK, I'll buy the red one. You are right." said Jane
8. "You really should paint professionally." said Gill to Henry. "You're really good at it"
9. "Please, please don't tell my father" she said to me
10. "I think you should sell your shares" his accountant said to Bill

IV. Complete the following sentences in the reported speech

1. The tourist guide said "Don't walk alone in the street at night".
→ The tourist guide warned _____
2. "Sorry, I can't go to your birthday party next Saturday evening, Jack" said Mary.
→ Mary apologized _____
3. "You told a lie, Tom" she said.
→ She accused _____
4. "I didn't break the windows" Bill said.
→ Bill denied _____
5. "Shall we have dinner somewhere after the theater?" said Peter.
→ Peter suggested _____
6. "You can't run out of the garden". Ms Kelly said to the children.
→ Ms Kelly prevented _____
7. "I feel like seeing you soon, Susan" said her mother.
→ Her mother looked forward _____
8. "I always want to run my own business" she said to me.
→ She told me that she dreamed of _____

V. Report the sentences, using one of the verbs in the box

Admit	Deny	Suggest	Agree	Offer
Promise				

1. "Yes, okay, I'll lend you my car". Peter said to Ann

1. "Yes, it was me. I stole the money", said Bill
2. "But I didn't hit the old lady" added Bill
3. "I'll work early, honest I will" Angela said
4. "I'll give you a lift to the station, if you like" Kate said to Megan
5. "What about if we meet on Thursday?" Mark said

Key :

I.

1. *Joe invited me to come to his party*
2. *My teacher advised me to take another English course*
3. *Mrs. Brown permitted me to use the phone*
4. *The doctor told the patient to take a deep breath*
5. *My mother reminded me to make an appointment with the dentist*
6. *The Smiths invited us to come to their house for dinner*
7. *The judge ordered Mr. John to pay a fine of fifty dollars*
8. *Bill warned me not to touch the hot pot*
9. *Sue advised me not to buy a used car*
10. *Mr. Gray warned the children not to play in the street*

II.

1. *Joe invited Mary to go to a movie with him*



2. *Dr. Miller advised Steve to get more exercise*
3. *Ms Holt asked Tom to open the door for her*
4. *Mr. Ward permitted his children to have a cookie and a glass of milk*
5. *Prof. Larsen encouraged Tom to take physics course*
6. *The police officer ordered the thief to put his hands on the top of his head*
7. *Sue reminded me to call her*
8. *Prof. Roth warned us not to look directly at the sun during a solar eclipse*

III.

1. *He advised me to go to the doctor's*
2. *She asked Tom to do her a favor*
3. *The teacher told the class to hand in their essays the following week*
4. *My wife reminded me to post the letter*
5. *Rosie invited John to have dinner with them*
6. *The judge ordered Edward to pay a fine of one hundred pounds*
7. *Betty persuaded Jane to buy the red dress*
8. *Gill encouraged Henry to paint professionally*
9. *She begged me not to tell her father*
10. *His accountant advised Bill to sell his shares*

IV

1. *The tourist guide warned against walking alone in the street at night*
2. *Mary apologized to Jack for not going to his birthday party the following Saturday evening*
3. *She accused Tom of telling a lie*
4. *Bill denied breaking the windows*
5. *Peter suggested having dinner somewhere after the theater*
6. *Ms Kelly prevented the children from running out of the garden*
7. *Her mother looked forward to seeing her/Susan soon*
8. *She told me that she dreamed of running her own business*

V

1. *Peter agreed to lend Ann his car*
2. *Bill admitted stealing/ having stolen the money*
3. *But Bill denied hitting/ having hit the old lady*
4. *Angela promised to work early*
5. *Kate offered to give Megan a lift to the station*
6. *Mark suggested meeting on Thursday*

