

REPORTED SPEECH WITH INFINITIVE AND GERUND

Exercise 1. Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech with infinitives.

1. "Remember to write to me soon," she said to me.
She reminded
2. "You'd better spend more time learning to write," I said to the boy.
I advised
3. "Would you like to have dinner with us tonight?" Mike said to Linda.
Mike invited
4. "Please, please turn off the T.V, John," said Tom.
Tom begged
5. "Don't lean your bicycles against my windows, boys," said the shopkeeper.
The shopkeeper warned
6. "Open the safe," the robber said to the bank clerk.
The robber ordered
7. "Leave this space clean, David," she said.
She told
8. "Shall I open the window for you, Edna?" he said.
He offered
9. "I'll wait for you. I promise," he said to me.
He promised
10. "Would you like to come with me?" John said to Mary.
John invited
11. "Don't forget to take the holiday," Mark said to me.
Mark reminded me
12. "You should take a holiday," Jane said to David.
Jane advised
13. "I thought you took a holiday last summer," Tom said to Sophia.
John expected Sophia
14. "Taking a holiday would be a good idea," George said.
George proposed
15. " You really must take a holiday, Linda," Jim said.
Jim told
16. "Don't touch that switch, Peter," I said.
I warned
17. "Read this document before you sign it," he said to her.
He advised
18. "Will you help me, please?" she said to me.
She asked
19. "Please do as I say," he said to me.
He begged
20. "Don't forget to prune the roses," my aunt said to Alfred.
My aunt reminded
21. "Would you like me to help you with the cooking, Tom?" Laura said.
Laura offered
22. "If you don't pay the ransom, we'll kill your son," the kidnappers said to them.
The kidnappers threatened
23. "I won't answer any questions," Paul said
Paul agreed
24. "Would you like to go camping with us next weekend?" Andrew said to Cindy.
Andrew invited

25. "Don't forget to join in the contest tomorrow morning, Robin," Jessica said.
Jessica reminded
26. "Would you like me to clean the room for you, Alvin?" she said.
She offered
27. "If I were you, I would join the voluntary team tomorrow, Tom," said Eve.
Eve advised
28. "Flora, can you remember to buy some bread?" said Raymond.
Raymond reminded
29. "I really think you should see a doctor, Lucia," said Thomas.
Thomas advised
30. "No, I'm sorry, I won't work on Saturday," said Victoria
Victoria refused
31. "If you like, I'll help you do the decorating, Carol," said Charles
Charles offered
32. Louis said, "Yes, all right, I'll share the bill with you, Lisa"
Louis agreed
33. "Carol, speaking English," he said
He told
34. "Fill in the form, sir" the receptionist said to the guest.
The receptionist asked
35. "Mind your own business," Ethel told me.
Ethel told
36. "Don't repair the computer yourself," she said to him.
She warned
37. "Don't give yourself up" he told his girlfriend.
He advised
38. "Don't go out without me," Harry told Sally.
Harry begged
39. Allen said, "I'd like you to visit my house, Jack"
Allen wanted
40. "Don't forget to post the letter for me when you go out," my wife said to me.
My wife reminded
41. "Could you possibly speak more slowly, please?" the student said to the teacher.
The student asked
42. "Guard, take him to the prison," said the king.
The king ordered
43. "Can you translate this sentence into English for me?" Maria said to Mark.
Maria asked
44. "Don't forget to send your uncle a birthday card tomorrow," Mary said to her son.
Mary reminded
45. "Please come to our wedding," John said to his boss.
John invited
46. "I'll pay for the next round," Bobby said.
Bobby agreed
47. "Don't run around the edge of the swimming pool or you'll fall in," Susan said to her children.
Susan warned
48. "I won't go to bed," Ron said.
Ron refused
49. "You should talk to your advisor," Bill said to Linda.
Bill advised
50. "Take that chewing gum out of your mouth immediately!" the teacher said to Tom.
The teacher ordered

51. "I will bring the sandwiches to the party," said Helen.
Helen offered
52. "Come to the cinema with me tonight," he said to her.
He invited
53. The teacher said to us , "Do all your homework before you go to class"
The teacher told
54. Mary said to Tom, "Send me a postcard when you come to Paris, please"
Mary asked
55. He said to me, "Don't believe everything you hear"
He advised
56. James said to her boyfriend, "Come with me tonight. I'm feeling very lonely"
James begged
57. "Follow this car," the detective said to the taxi-driver.
The detective ordered
58. "Go on, send your short story to magazine," Adam said to Alice
Adam encouraged
59. The teacher said to Jim, "Would you give your book to Mary, please?"
The teacher asked
60. "Ok. I will not change the date of the meeting," Mary said
Mary promised

Exercise 2. Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech with Gerund

1. "Why don't we organize an English competition for our student?" said Ms Lien.
Ms Lien suggested
2. "I'm sorry I'm late," said Mr Thanh.
Mr Thanh apologized
3. "Me? No, I didn't take Sue's calculator," Said Bob.
Bob denied
4. "You took my pencil," said David to Henry.
David accused
5. "I must see the manager," he cried.
He insisted
6. "If you wanted to take my bike, you should have asked me first," said Mike to his brother.
Mike criticized
7. " You won the scholarship. Congratulation!" Mary told me.
Mary congratulated
8. "It was kind of you to help me with my homework," Lan said to Hoa.
Lan thanked
9. "Turn off the computer. You are not allowed to play game now," Dick's mother said to him.
Dick's mother prevented
10. "I'm sorry that I broke the glass," said Peter.
Peter apologized
11. "Let's invite Mr. Brown to the party next weekend," he said.
He suggested
12. "You stole the jewels," the inspector said to him.
The inspector accused
13. "I only borrowed your car for some hours," the man said.
The man admitted
14. "I'm sorry I damaged your tape recorder, Mike," said Bob.
Bob apologized
15. "It's nice of you to invite me to lunch," Bob said to John.
Bob thanked

16. Carol said, "What about going to the cinema this weekend, Max ?"
Carol suggested
17. "I'm sorry I forgot your birthday," Dave said Julia.
Dave apologized
18. "Why didn't you tell me the truth?" he said to me.
He accused
19. "Don't go near that deserted house," Tony said to Monica.
Tony warned
20. "I'm sorry. I broke the vase," my son said.
My son admitted
21. "You cheated in the exam," the teacher said to Jack.
The teacher accused
22. "Great! You are well-dressed today, Mary," Tommy said.
Tommy complimented
23. "You have just got a promotion, haven't you? Congratulation!" Peter said to her friend.
Peter congratulated
24. "You mustn't get into this area," the policeman said to them.
The policeman stopped
25. "I know I'm wrong," he said.
He admitted
26. "I didn't say that last night," Joan said.
Joan denied
27. "If only I had told him the true!" Jane said.
Jane regrets
28. "I haven't finished the assignment yet. I'm really sorry".
The boy apologized
29. "It's you who took my bag," the man said to the boy.
The man accused
30. "No, no .I really must sit for the test," Hilary said.
Hilary insisted
31. "What I always want is to become a doctor," she said.
She dreamt
32. "I can't let you use the mobile phone," his mother said to him.
His mother prevented
33. "I like this car. I'll buy it," Christina said.
Christina thought
34. "I feel like going to America next month," Margaret said.
Margaret looked forward to
35. "It was your fault. You didn't tell me," she told me
She blamed
36. "I don't think that we must widen the village road", he said
He objected
37. "You are so selfish to behave like this," my mother said to him.
My mother criticized
38. "I wish to speak English very fluently," said Stella.
Stella dreamt
39. "I must go home now," said Daisy
Daisy insisted
40. "Sorry teacher, I didn't do the homework," Philip said to his teacher.
Philip apologised to
41. "You didn't pay attention to what I said," the teacher said to him
The teacher accused

42. "I hear you passed your exams. Congratulations!" Mark said to us.
Mark congratulated
43. "It was nice of you to visit me. Thank you," Miss White said to Jack.
Miss White thanked
44. "I've always wanted to be rich" Bob said.
Bob dreamed
45. "Why don't we go to the beach tonight for a change?" said Henry.
Henry suggested
46. "You failed to save my husband's life," she said to the doctors.
She blamed
47. "Let me pay for the meal," said Ben.
Ben insisted
48. "Yes. I've spent too much money doing the shopping," she said.
She admitted
49. "Well done, Tom. You won the game," said the teacher.
The teacher congratulated
50. "Beware of this bad road! It's very dangerous to drive on it!" He said to us.
He warned
51. "I didn't tell the teacher your mistake," Joseph said to Martin.
Joseph denied
52. "You got me into trouble with this man," Kevin said to Elizabeth.
Kevin blamed
53. "You lied to me, Julia," Max said.
Max accused
54. "Forgive me. I didn't mean to make you angry, Sarah," Lewis said.
Lewis apologised
55. "We must be given every detail of this case," they said.
They insisted
56. "I'm afraid I've lost your letter," Michael said to Barbara.
Michael admitted
57. "Don't drink this water because it is very polluted," Mitchell said to us.
Mitchell warned
58. "Why don't we go sailing this weekend?" Samuel said.
Samuel suggested
59. "It's not true. I didn't sell this information," Stephen said.
Stephen denied
60. "I'm sorry that I was rude to you yesterday, Helen," said Robert.
Robert apologised to

❖ Note:

a. **v + prep + v-ing**

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| 1. complain about | 2. dream of | 3. apologize for | 4. confess to |
| 5. insist on | 6. object to | 7. look forward to | 8. think of |

b. **v + o + prep + v-ing**

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| 1. blame ... for | 2. thank ... for | 3. congratulate ... on | 4. prevent ... from | 5. accuse ... of |
| 6. stop ... from | 7. compliment ... on | 8. warn ... against | 9. criticize ... for | |

Exercise 3. Turn into reported speech, using the verbs in brackets.

1. He said to her, "Come to the party. You'll enjoy it" (persuade)
2. He said to me, "I'll lend you some money if you like" (offer)
3. He said to us, "Why don't you have a holiday in my country cottage?" (invite)
4. "All right. I'll help you," Tom said to Joe. (agree)
5. "Whatever you do, don't walk on the grass" the safeguard said to the tourists. (warn)
6. "You must pay for the damage you've done," she said. (make)
7. "I haven't done anything wrong," Tom said. (deny)
8. "No, I won't talk to the lawyer," Tom said. (refuse)
9. "Yes, I did drive too fast through the town," she said. (admit)
10. "You damage my sweater, Tom," said Ben. (accuse)
11. "Stop speeding or you will get a ticket," said the traffic warden to the driver. (warn)
12. "Please do go to the movies with me tonight," said Aunt Fancy. (persuade)
13. "Why don't we work and keep ourselves from starving?" said Mike. (suggest)
14. "Go on holiday when the weather gets warmer," she told him. (advise)
15. "Keep out of this room at all time," she said to them. (warn)
16. "Remember to post those letters," he said to me. (remind)
17. "If you can't find anyone else, I'll drive you to the airport," he said to me. (volunteer)
18. "If you don't give me a pay rise, I'll resign," he said to me. (threaten)
19. "It certainly wasn't me who took your car!" said Bob. (deny)
20. "Shall we go to Paris for the weekend?" Mary said to me. (suggest)
21. "I saw Megan in town," he said. (mention)
22. "Be careful of malefactors and don't go out at night alone" (warn)
23. "Nam, you shouldn't spend so much money on gambling" (advise)
24. "Would you like to have lunch with me today" (invite)
25. "Why don't you open a bank account" (encourage)
26. "Remember to book a table in advance" (remind)
27. "Fasten your seat belts" (tell)
28. "I'll offer you some more wine tomorrow" (promise)
29. "Ok, I'll carry some of these parcels for you" (offer)
30. "Could you possibly give me a lift to the next village" (ask)