

## REPORTED SPEECH WITH INFINITIVES AND GERUND

**I. Complete each sentence with one of the following verbs (in the correct form). Use a preposition if necessary.**

stay carry get break be hunt invite cause take live deliver study close drive attend

1. I've always dreamed \_\_\_\_\_ in a small house by the sea.
2. Mike apologized \_\_\_\_\_ so rude to me.
3. I agreed \_\_\_\_\_ the parcel for her.
4. The driver of the other car accused me \_\_\_\_\_ the accident.
5. We invited Jane \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.
6. He admitted \_\_\_\_\_ the car into his neighbor's tree.
7. I congratulated Liz \_\_\_\_\_ a new job.
8. My bag wasn't very heavy, but Dan insisted \_\_\_\_\_ it for me.
9. Torn suggested \_\_\_\_\_ a rest.
10. We don't approve \_\_\_\_\_ animals for sport.
11. Kevin thanked us \_\_\_\_\_ him to our party.
12. Brian advised me \_\_\_\_\_ economics at university.
13. The government proposed \_\_\_\_\_ a number of primary schools.
14. The women blamed me \_\_\_\_\_ her glasses.
15. No one can prevent him \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.

**II. Complete the sentences to report what was said, using a to-infinitive or an -ing form of a verb**

1. 'You'd better look for a new job, Andrew.'  
Jane advised \_\_\_\_\_
2. 'It was nice of you to invite me to your birthday party. Thanks very much.'  
Mike thanked \_\_\_\_\_
3. 'I must have made a mistake in the calculations.'  
Mr Forest admitted \_\_\_\_\_
4. 'I'll pay for the meal.'  
Sarah insisted \_\_\_\_\_
5. 'Perhaps we can go to Paris for the weekend.'  
Neil suggested \_\_\_\_\_
6. 'I can get you there in good time.'  
Jim guaranteed \_\_\_\_\_
7. 'I'm sorry I couldn't come to visit you last summer.'  
Kate apologized \_\_\_\_\_
8. 'We'll organize the Christmas party.'  
They promised \_\_\_\_\_
9. 'I hear you won the championship. Congratulations!'  
Dane congratulated \_\_\_\_\_
10. 'I wish I'd asked for his name and address.'  
I regretted \_\_\_\_\_
11. 'You're selfish.'  
Jane accused \_\_\_\_\_
12. 'All right. We will meet the student representatives.'  
The teachers agreed \_\_\_\_\_
13. 'You mustn't drink too much caffeine.'  
Marta warned \_\_\_\_\_
14. 'If all goes to plan, I'll study medicine.'  
Rachel hoped \_\_\_\_\_
15. 'We should take the jumper back to the shop.'  
Jack recommended \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. Report these sentences. Make any necessary changes to verb tense, pronouns, etc.**

1. 'We have found the missing girl,' said the police last night.

2. 'I'll drop you from the team if you don't train harder,' said the captain.

3. 'I'd buy the big tin if I were you,' said the grocer.

4. 'Here are the car keys. You'd better wait in the car,' he said to her.

5. 'Why didn't you tell me about that yesterday, Peter?' Jane asked.

6. 'Would you please wait in the lounge till your flight number is called?' she said.

34442952. 'I gave you my textbook last week. I insist,' Tom said.

8. 'Could you speak more slowly, please? I can't understand,' he said to me.

9. 'I hope you have a good journey,' he said, 'Don't forget to send a card when you arrive.'

10. 'I'm sorry I didn't phone you earlier. I was very busy,' Jill' said to me.

11. 'It's not true! I have never been arrested!' Larry said.

12. 'Why not decorate your baby's room?' Ann said, 'If you like, I'll help you do the decorating, Sue.'

13. 'You pressed the wrong button,' said the mechanic. 'Don't do it again. You might have a nasty accident.'

14. 'Can you answer the phone? I'm having shower!' he said to his son.

15. 'Would you like a cup of coffee?' I said to Jim. 'No, thanks. I must go now,' he said.