

reported speech with infinitive and gerund

Exercise 1. Rewrite each of the following sentences in reported speech. Using advise, beg, introduce, invite, offer, order, promise, remind, tell, warn.

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. –
☐ Mike invited
4. "Please, please turn off the T.V, John," said Tom.
☐ Tom begged
5. "Don't lean your bicycle 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 spaces clear," the notice said.
☐ The noticed told
8. "Mr.Brown, this is Miss White," he said.
☐ He introduced
9. "Shall I open the window for you?" he said.
☐ He told
10. "I'll wait for you. I promise," he said to me.
☐ He promised
11. "Would you like to come with me?" John said.
☐ He invited
12. "Don't worry. Of course you can take a holiday," John said.
☐ John reassured me that
13. "Don't forget to take the holiday," John said.
☐ John reminded
14. "You should take a holiday," John said.
☐ John advised
15. "Are you going to take a holiday?" John said.
☐ John asked whether
16. "It's all right by me if you take a holiday," John said.
☐ John agreed that
17. "Actually, I'd rather you took a holiday," John said.
☐ John preferred that
18. "I thought you were going to take a holiday" John said.
☐ John expected
19. "Taking a holiday would be a good idea" John said
☐ John proposed that
20. "You really must take a holiday," John said.
☐ John insisted that
21. "Don't touch that switch, Peter." I said
☐ I warned
22. "Read it before you sign it" he said to his client.
☐ He advised
23. "Will you help me, please?" he said, "I can't reach the top shelf"
☐ She asked
24. "Please do as I say," he said to me.
He begged
25. "Don't forget to prune the roses" said my aunt.
☐ My aunt reminded
26. "Would you like me to help you with the cooking, Tom?" Laura said.

- ☐ Laura offered
- 27. “If you don’t pay the ransom, we’ll kill the boy” said the kidnapper.
- ☐ The kidnapper threatened
- 28. “I won’t answer any questions” Paul said
- ☐ Paul agreed
- 29. “Would you like to go camping with us next weekend?” said Minh to Phong.
- ☐ Minh invited.
- 30. “Don’t forget to join in the contest tomorrow morning” Lan said.
- ☐ Lan reminded
- 31. “Would you like me to clean the room for you” she said
- ☐ She offered
- 32. “If I were you, I would join the voluntary team tomorrow, Tom.” said Mike.
- ☐ Mike advised

Exercise 2. Rewrite the following sentences with Gerund

- 1. “Why don’t you 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 were cheating” 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. “Shall we walk there? It’s not far,” he said.
- ☐ He proposed
- 10. “Turn off the computer. You are not allowed to play game now,” Dick mother said.
- ☐ Dick’s mother prevented
- 11. “I’m sorry that I broke the glass,” said Peter. (apologized)
- ☐ Peter
- 12. “You should have waited for us,” the team leader said to John. (criticized)
- ☐
- 13. “Let’s invite Mr. Brown to the party next weekend” he said. (suggested)
- ☐
- 14. “You stole the jewels” the inspector said to him.(accused)
- ☐
- 15. “I only borrowed your car for some hours” the man said. (admitted)
- ☐
- 16. “I’m sorry I damaged your tape recorder, Mike.” Said Bob.
- ☐ Bob apologized
- 17. “You damaged my camera” said Jane to Henry.
- ☐ Jane accused

Exercise 3. Rewrite the following sentences with Infinitive or Gerund

- 1. “I will bring the sandwiches to the party” said Helen.
- ☐ Helen offered
- 2. “Let’s all go to Lisbon!” they said.
- ☐ They suggested
- 3. “You’d better leave that old flat,” my mother told us.

- ☐ My mother advised
- 4. “Please let me go to Martin’s house!” Said Muriel three times.
- ☐ Muriel insisted
- 5. “It was you and only you who stole the cake from the fridge” my mother told my sister.
- ☐ My mother accused
- 6. “I’m awful sorry, I will never again use your car without permission” she said almost crying.
- ☐ She apologized
- 7. “Don’t cross the river, it’s full of crocodiles”
- ☐ They warned
- 8. “I’m sorry I’m late”
- ☐ He apologized
- 9. “I think you’d better drink the medicine” the doctor said.
- ☐ The doctor advised
- 10. “Let’s eat something and then go for a stroll” she said.
- ☐ She suggested
- 11. “Don’t worry, I’ll pay for the drink”
- ☐ He insisted
- 12. “Yes, it was me who ate all the cake”
- ☐ She admitted
- 13. “Red wine is the best option for this dish”
- ☐ The waiter advised
- 14. “Why don’t we go for a walk”?
- ☐ She suggested
- 15. “I wasn’t anywhere near the scene of the crime.
- ☐ The accused claimed
- 16. “This spot is the best place for a picnic.”
- ☐ My father said
- 17. “The swallows return every spring and fly past my window.”
- ☐ She explained
- 18. “Can you answer the phone? I’m having a shower.”
- ☐ He asked his son
- 19. “I gave you my homework last week.”
- ☐ The boy insisted
- 20. “Could you come and pick me up from school today, Dad?”
- ☐ Bill asked
- 21. “If I were you, I wouldn’t drink so much”
- ☐ He advised his friend
- 22. “I won’t help you because you didn’t help me”
- ☐ a. Joan said
- ☐ b. Joan refused
- 23. “I’ll bring it back tomorrow”
- ☐ He said
- ☐ He promised

Exercise 4. *Restate the given sentences. Choose the most suitable reporting verb in brackets. Make it active or passive as appropriate.*

- 1. The girl said to Jim, “Would you give your book to Mary?” (ask, tell order)
- ☐ The girl
- 2. The little said to her father, “Daddy, I really like tricycle. Can we buy it?” (require, ask, advise)
- ☐ Everyone
- 3. The sign on the side door says, “Do not enter,” so we have to use a different door. (ask, remind, force).
- ☐ Nobody
- 4. Before Bobby went to bed, his father said, “Don’t forget to brush your teeth” (invite, allow, remind).
- ☐ Before Bobby went to bed, his father

5. The factory manager said to the employees” Don’t come late. If you do, you will lose your work” (ask, warn, encourage)
☐ The employees
6. When I asked the nurse about my skin rash, she said, “ You should consult dermatologist” (ask, permit, advise)
☐ The nurse
7. “ I will not tell anyone else about our plan.” He said to me (order, promise, warn).
☐ He
8. “ Okay, you can go alone to Hanoi this summer” (warn, persuade, agree)
☐ My parents
9. “ Don’t worry. If your car breaks down, I will give you a lift home.” (agree, order, offer)
☐ My friend’s brother
10. Under the law, drivers and all passengers must wear seat belt while in a moving vehicle.(encourage, require, permit).
☐ Drivers and all passengers

Exercise 5. Choose the most suitable verb form the box to report each of the sentences. Remember they all follow the pattern verb + to – infinitive.

promise, ask, order, remind, advise,
encourage, bid, invite, warn, allow

1. “ Could you possible do for me a favour?” She said to Tom.
☐ She
2. “ Come and have dinner with us” Rosy said to John.
☐ Rosy
3. “ Don’t forget to post the letter,” my wife said to me.
☐ My wife
4. The man said the boys, “Don’t swim in the lake without an adult present”.
☐ The boy
5. He said to me, “ It would be best if you limited the sugar consumption.”
☐ He
6. “ You must a fine of one hundred pounds” the judge said to Edward.
☐ The judge
7. “ Please don’t tell him about my absence from class yesterday” she said to me.
☐ She
8. My parents often said to me “ Good for you! It’s good to be independent”
☐ My parents often
9. Mrs. Jones said to her children” Each of you may have one piece of candy”.
☐ Mrs. Jones
10. “ I wont be late next time” Mary said to the teacher.
☐ Mary

Exercise 6. Rewrite these sentences below, using the words in blankets.

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. “ I’ll tell you the truth” Tom said to Joe.
☐
6. “ Whatever you do, don’t walk on the grass” the safeguard said to the tourists. (warn)
☐
7. “You must pay for the damage you’ve done,” she said. So I paid (make)
☐

8. “ I haven’t done anything wrong,” Tom said. (deny)
☐
9. “ No, I won’t talk to the lawyer,” Tom said. (refuse)
☐
10. “ Yes, I did drive too fast through the town, she said (admit)
☐
11. “ You damage my sweater, Tom” said Ben.
☐ Ben accused
12. Many people feel like taking part in the Boston Marathon.
☐ Many people look
13. “ Stop speeding or you will get a ticket” said the traffic warden to the driver.
☐ The traffic warden warned
14. “ Please do go to the movies with me tonight.” said Aunt Fancy.
☐ Aunt Fancy persuaded me
15. “ Why don’t we work and keep ourselves from starving?” said Mike.
☐ Mike suggested
16. “ Go on holiday when the weather gets warmer,” she told him.(advise)
☐
17. “ Keep out of this room at all time,” she said to them. (warn)
☐
18. “Remember to post those letters” he said to me. (remind)
☐
19. “ If you can’t find anyone else,I’ll drive you you to the airport” he said to me. (volunteer)
☐
20. “ If you don’t give me a pay rise, I’ll resign,” he said to me.(threaten)
☐
21. “ You’ve broken my radio, Frank!” said Jane.
☐ Jane accused
22. “ You should have waited for us” the team leader said to John.
☐ The team leader criticized
23. “ It certainly wasn’t me who took your car!” said Bob.
☐ Bob denied
24. ‘ Shall we go to Paris for the weekend?” Mary said to me.
☐ Mary suggested
25. “ I saw Megan in town,” he said.
☐ He metioned
26. “ Be careful of malefactors and don’t go out at night alone” (warn)
☐
27. “ Nam, you shouldn’t spend so much money on gambling” (advise)
☐
28. ‘ Would you like to have lunch with me today”(invite)
☐
29. “Why don’t you open a bank account” (encourage)
☐
30. “ Remember to book a table in advance”(remind)
☐
31. “ Fasten your seat belts” (tell)
☐
32. “ I’ll offer you some more wine tomorrow”(promise)
☐
33. “ Ok, I’ll carry some of these parcels for you”(offer)
☐
34. “ Could you possibly give me a lift to the next village” (ask)
☐

35. “ Please don’t drink any more wine” (beg)

