

# Reporting verb patterns

## 1. Verb + that + reported sentence

She admitted that she had given him the wrong advice.

## 2. Verb + object + that

He warned him (that) he was wasting his time.

## 3. Verb + (not) infinitive

He offered to pay them \$130 for the rights.

suggest that promise ...

complain that ... remind

... deny ... explain...

insist... admit... regret...

warned smb that ...

advise... persuade...

promise... tell...

remind... \_\_\_\_\_

offer to do \decide to do\

promise to.. \threaten to..

agree to \ refuse to ....

#### 4. Verb + object + (not)infinitive

She advised her (not) to become a model.

#### 5. Verb + (not)gerund

She suggested getting a job as a secretary.

#### 6. Verb +preposition+ (not)gerund

They apologised for rejecting her book.

- Advise smb to  
recommend ... ask...  
encourage ...invite...  
order... persuade...  
remind... tell...  
warn...
- Regret (not)doing...  
suggest... admit...  
advise... deny...  
recommend...
- Apologise for doing  
smth...  
insist on doing  
object to doing

**7. Verb +object  
+preposition +  
(not)gerund**

**Publishers criticised her  
book for being too  
long.**

- **Criticise smb for doing...**
- **accuse smb of doing**
- **blame smb\smt for doing...**
- **congratulate smb on doing ...**
- **praise smb for doing...**
- **suspect smb of doing...**