

Reporting Verbs – Worksheet 2 – ANSWERS

Exercise 1: Conversation (Using Reporting Verbs) – Answers

- ◆ **Jake:** Don't worry! Yesterday, the teacher **encouraged us to speak** more confidently.
→ "Encourage" takes "object + to-infinitive".
- ◆ **Sarah:** That's easy for you to say! Last week, she **advised me to do** additional research.
→ "Advise" takes "object + to-infinitive".
- ◆ **Jake:** Well, she **recommended making** a PowerPoint to help keep me on track.
→ "Recommend" is followed by verb-ing OR a "that-clause".
- ◆ **Sarah:** That's a good idea! Maybe I'll do the same. My classmate **offered to help** me with some practice.
→ "Offer" is followed by "to-infinitive".
- ◆ **Jake:** You should take the help! Last year, I **regretted not practicing** enough before my exam.
→ "Regret" is followed by verb-ing (or "having + past participle" for past actions).
- ◆ **Sarah:** Okay, I will! And I hope the teacher doesn't **criticise me for not being** confident enough!
→ "Criticise" is followed by "object + for + verb-ing".
- ◆ **Jake:** Great, my father also **promised to review** the material with me tonight.
→ "Promise" is followed by "to-infinitive".

Explanation:

- **Verb + to-infinitive** → advise, offer, encourage, promise
 - **Verb + object + to-infinitive** → advise, encourage
 - **Verb + verb-ing** → regret, recommend, criticise for
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Exercise 2: Sentence Transformation (Using Advanced Reporting Verbs) – Answers

1. He promised **to pick** me up at 6.
→ "Promise" is followed by "to-infinitive".
2. She insisted **(that I call)** my parents. (Note – 'insisted on me calling also works)
→ "Insist" takes a "that-clause" with base verb form ("call", not "calls").
3. He apologised **for arriving** late.
→ "Apologise" is followed by "for + verb-ing".
4. She refused **to lend** me her car.
→ "Refuse" is followed by "to-infinitive".
5. The manager **demanded that we complete** the project by Friday.
→ "Demand" takes a "that-clause" with base verb form ("complete", not "completes").
6. He admitted **(that) it was** his fault.
→ "Admit" can take a "that-clause" OR verb-ing ("admitted being at fault").
7. She recommended **trying** the new restaurant.
→ "Recommend" takes verb-ing OR a "that-clause" with base verb form.
8. The security guard warned **us not to smoke** inside the building.
→ "Warn" takes "object + not + to-infinitive".
9. My brother offered **to help** me with my homework.
→ "Offer" is followed by "to-infinitive".
10. He denied **stealing** the watch.
→ "Deny" is followed by verb-ing.

Explanation:

- **Verb + to-infinitive** → promise, refuse, offer
- **Verb + (that) clause** → insist, demand, admit, recommend
- **Verb + preposition + verb-ing** → apologise for, deny
- **Verb + object + to-infinitive** → warn