

# Basics. Reporting Verbs: Gerunds, Infinitives, and That-Clauses

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1. Choose the best verbs to complete the intergalactic incident report about a clumsy alien trying to fit in on Earth.

The alien \_\_\_\_\_ for accidentally vaporizing the mayor's car.

He \_\_\_\_\_ not to use his laser eyes on Earth again.

The police \_\_\_\_\_ him that parking his spaceship on the sidewalk was strictly illegal.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

**Blank 1**

- A) suggested
- B) apologized
- C) promised

**Blank 2**

- A) warned
- B) apologized
- C) promised

**Blank 3**

- A) suggested
- B) warned
- C) apologized

2. Help the local sheriff document a rather unusual witness statement about a UFO sighting.

Select ALL the reporting verbs that correctly complete the sentence.

The frantic farmer \_\_\_\_\_ that a glowing saucer had landed in his cornfield.

Select all that apply.

- A) claimed
- B) explained
- C) insisted
- D) told
- E) asked

3. Help the exhausted camper complete their diary entry about a disastrous trip by choosing the correct reporting verbs.

When our tent collapsed in the pouring rain, Leo \_\_\_\_\_ to fix it himself.

However, Mia \_\_\_\_\_ waiting in the car until the storm passed.

In the end, the park ranger \_\_\_\_\_ us to pack up and go home.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

**Blank 1**

- A) suggested
- B) offered
- C) advised

**Blank 2**

- A) told
- B) suggested
- C) asked

**Blank 3**

- A) said
- B) suggested
- C) advised

4. Choose the correct phrase to describe the stubborn cat's dramatic behavior.

Even though we offered him a bowl of premium tuna, Mr. Whiskers refused \_\_\_\_\_ down from the top of the refrigerator.

*Select one.*

- A) coming
- B) to come
- C) came
- D) come

5. Complete this text message about a fierce roommate dispute over the last slice of pepperoni pizza.

Select ALL the reporting verbs that grammatically fit the sentence.

When confronted about the missing pizza, Dave \_\_\_\_\_ eating the last slice.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) admitted
- B) denied
- C) refused
- D) promised
- E) offered

6. Complete the museum tour guide's very important safety instruction.

The nervous tour guide warned the school children \_\_\_\_\_ the priceless dinosaur bones.

*Select one.*

- A) not to touch
- B) to not touching
- C) don't touch
- D) not touching

7. Help the gym manager complete his incident report about a personal trainer's interaction with a very unmotivated client.

Select ALL the reporting verbs that correctly fit the sentence structure.

The exhausted trainer \_\_\_\_\_ the client to actually lift the weights, not just stare at them.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) told
- B) encouraged
- C) advised
- D) suggested
- E) said

8. Help resolve this classic roommate dispute by choosing the correct reporting verbs to complete the story.

My roommate \_\_\_\_\_ making a weekly cleaning schedule so the apartment would stay tidy. She \_\_\_\_\_ to wash the dishes every evening after dinner. However, she \_\_\_\_\_ me to take out the trash and do all the vacuuming!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) offered
- B) suggested
- C) told

**Blank 2**

- A) suggested
- B) promised
- C) invited

**Blank 3**

- A) explained
- B) said
- C) told

9. Complete the teenager's text message to their best friend about a chaotic family dinner. Select the correct option for each blank.

You won't believe what happened! Mom \_\_\_\_\_ us that she had accidentally shrunk Dad's favorite sweater in the wash.

Dad \_\_\_\_\_ her if she was joking.

Then, my little brother \_\_\_\_\_ that the dog was eating the roast beef!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) said
- B) told
- C) asked

**Blank 2**

- A) told
- B) asked
- C) said

**Blank 3**

- A) told
- B) asked
- C) said

10. Complete the confused farmer's interview with the local news by choosing the correct reporting verb for each gap.

The friendly aliens \_\_\_\_\_ me if I wanted a quick tour of their glowing spaceship. I \_\_\_\_\_ that I was much too busy milking the cows right now. Before they flew away, their leader \_\_\_\_\_ me to keep the visit a secret from the neighbors.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) explained
- B) asked
- C) warned

**Blank 2**

- A) told
- B) invited
- C) said

**Blank 3**

- A) said
- B) wondered
- C) told

11. Help the hungry student complete their diary entry about a culinary crime.

When confronted about the missing pepperoni slice, my roommate Dave completely denied \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*Select one.*

- A) to eat
- B) eating
- C) ate
- D) eat

12. Read the restaurant review and choose the correct reporting verbs to complete the customer's story about a very clumsy waiter.

First, the waiter \_\_\_\_\_ for spilling hot tomato soup all over my favorite shirt. He quickly \_\_\_\_\_ to bring me a free slice of chocolate cake to make up for the mess. However, the manager later \_\_\_\_\_ that the poor guy was actually on his very first day of work.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) denied
- B) apologized
- C) offered

**Blank 2**

- A) suggested
- B) offered
- C) admitted

**Blank 3**

- A) refused
- B) apologized
- C) admitted