

Reporting verbs in general English

Grammatical constraints apply to many of these verbs, some of which are prepositional and some of which may be followed by *that*-clauses. Some are only transitive. Some verbs are catenative and followed by *-ing* forms or the infinitive with *to*.

See the site for more.

accuse (+ object + *of* + noun phrase / *-ing*)
 add (+ *that*)
 admit (+ *-ing*, *to* + noun phrase or *that*)
 advise (+ *-ing* or object + *to* infinitive)
 agree (+ *to* infinitive or *to* + noun phrase)
 announce (+ *that*)
 answer (+ *that*)
 apologize (+ *about* + noun phrase or + *that*)
 argue (+ *that*)
 ask (+ *about* + *-ing* / noun phrase or *if* clause)
 beg (+ *to* infinitive)
 blame (+ *for* + noun phrase)
 blather (+ *about*)
 blurt out (+ *that*)
 boast (+ *that*)
 claim (+ *that*)
 comment (+ *that*)
 complain (+ *about* or + *that*)
 confirm (+ *that*)
 congratulate (+ object + *on* + noun phrase / *-ing*)
 consider (+ *that*)
 decide (+ *that* or + *to* infinitive)
 demand (+ *that*)
 deny (+ *that* or *-ing* / noun phrase)
 doubt (+ *that*)
 encourage (+ object + *to* infinitive)
 enquire (+ *about* + *-ing* / noun phrase)
 estimate (+ *that*)
 explain (+ *that*)
 gabble (+ *about*)
 growl (+ *about*)
 grumble (+ *about*)
 inquire (+ *about* or *if* / *whether* clause)
 insist (+ *that* or + *on* + noun phrase / *-ing*)

interrupt (+ *to* infinitive)
 invite (+ *to* infinitive)
 laugh (+ *about*)
 mention (+ *that*)
 observe (+ *that*)
 offer (+ *to* infinitive)
 order (+ object + *to* infinitive)
 persuade (+ object + *to* infinitive)
 plead (+ *for* + noun phrase)
 promise (+ *to* infinitive)
 propose (+ *that* or *-ing*)
 recommend (+ *that* + object + infinitive / *-ing*)
 refuse (+ *to* infinitive)
 remark (+ *that*)
 remember (+ *that*)
 remind (+ object + *that*)
 repeat (+ *that*)
 reply (+ *that*)
 report (+ *that*)
 respond (+ *that*)
 retort (+ *that*)
 reveal (+ *that*)
 say (+ *that*)
 shout (+ *that*)
 stammer (+ *that*)
 state (+ *that*)
 suggest (+ *that* + object + infinitive or *-ing*)
 suppose (+ *that*)
 swear (+ *that*)
 tell (+ object + *that*)
 threaten (+ *to* infinitive)
 warn (+ *that*)