

مقدم من : موقع دبرني

Reporting verbs

We use reporting verbs like, e.g. say, tell, ask, reply, answer, enquire, announce, order.

Many reporting verbs can be followed by several different patterns, but this sometimes involves a change in register or meaning.

1) Verb + (that) + reported statement:

He **confessed** that he had broken the vase.

He **predicted** there would be a crisis.

2) Verb + object + (that) + reported statement:

He **informed me** that all the shops were closed.

He **told me** his brother had lost his job.

3. Verb + if/wh- word (whether, why, which, what, how, etc.) + reported statement:

They **asked** how often I exercised at home.

The children **wondered** why the museum had to remain closed for another month.

The doctor **explained** which treatment to use.

4 Verb + (that) + personal pronoun + (should) + base:

They **recommended** that we (should) wear protective gloves.

Our boss **demand**ed that we reveal the truth about the accident.

5. Verb + (not) to base:

He promised to cook dinner for the family.

He offered to help me with my assignment.

6. Verb + object + (not) to base:

He encouraged me to buy his book.

My brother persuaded me to try wind-surfing.

7. Verb + (not) gerund:

They admitted being unreasonable.

Kyle regretted criticising our latest idea.

8. Verb + (object) + preposition + (not) gerund:

They apologised for not having cleaned their bedrooms.

She insisted on inviting Harriet to her family party even though nobody liked her.

He congratulated me on passing the test.

Verbs with prepositions can also be followed by an object/genitive (صيغة الملكية).

They complained about me/my having to share a room.

Impersonal passive

When we want to report what people generally say/think/feel, we can use reporting verbs in the Passive. We also use them when it is not important to mention who is being reported or for distancing the speaker from another opinion.

الطريقة الأولى:

(It +(is-was-has been) +v.3 that)

1. People say that other scientists invented the telephone.

It is said that other scientists invented the telephone.

2. People claim that virtual reality experiences are exactly the same as the real thing.

It is claimed that virtual reality experiences are exactly the same as the real thing.

3. Some people have suggested that young people should not have mobile phones.

It has been suggested that young people should not have mobile phones.

It is believed that nature sounds help you relax. S.B.P:69

It has been announced that there is an outbreak of a new deadly disease. S.B.P:69

(Subject+(is-are/was-were/has-have+been+V3)+to+inf)

1. Initially, people thought the telephone was only for rich people.

Initially, the telephone was thought to be just for rich people.

This position is believed to be effective in stimulating the brain. S.B.P:69

Nature sounds are supposed to help you sleep better.S.B.P:69

Knitting and sewing have been shown to be therapeutic.S.B.P:69

To emphasise that a situation/fact happened before the time it was reported we use a perfect infinitive (to have + Past Participle).

The fire is thought to have been started deliberately. (S.B.P:69)

The new policy is believed to have improved safety standards.

The suspect is said to have left the country.

To emphasise that a situation/trend is/was continuing at the time it was reported we can use to be + -ing:

More and more young people are thought to be using social media. (an ongoing trend)