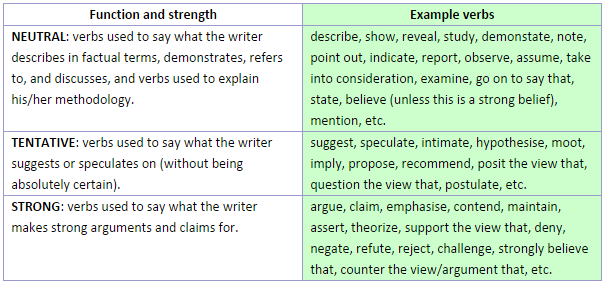
**Common reporting verbs - say pattern**

The following common reporting verbs follow the same pattern as *say*   
i.e. verb + (that) + clause :  
  
**admit  
advise\*  
agree  
announce  
claim  
complain  
confirm  
declare  
explain  
insist  
mention  
promise\*  
propose   
say  
suggest  
warn\***  
**\*** also used with other patterns - see below

**Common reporting verbs - tell pattern**

The following common verbs follow the same pattern as *tell*   
i.e. verb + direct object + (that) + clause :  
  
**advise  
assure  
convince  
inform  
notify  
persuade  
promise  
reassure  
remind  
tell  
warn**

**Reporting actions : requests, promises etc.**

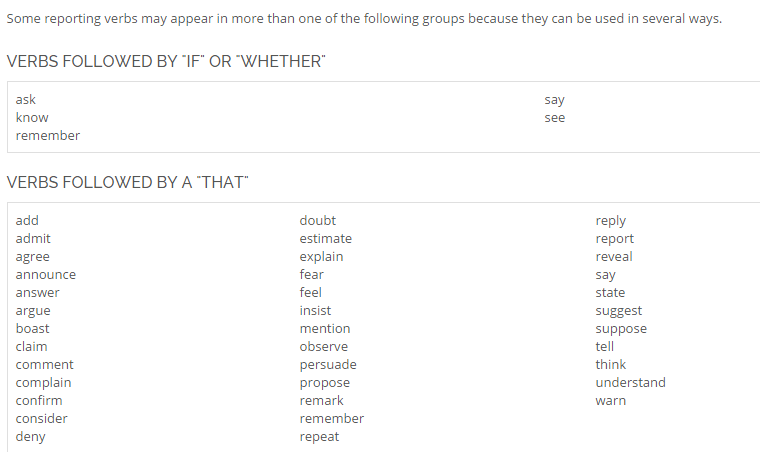
These are usually reported using an infintive structure :  
  
**reporting verb** + **infintive with to**  
  
**Examples:**

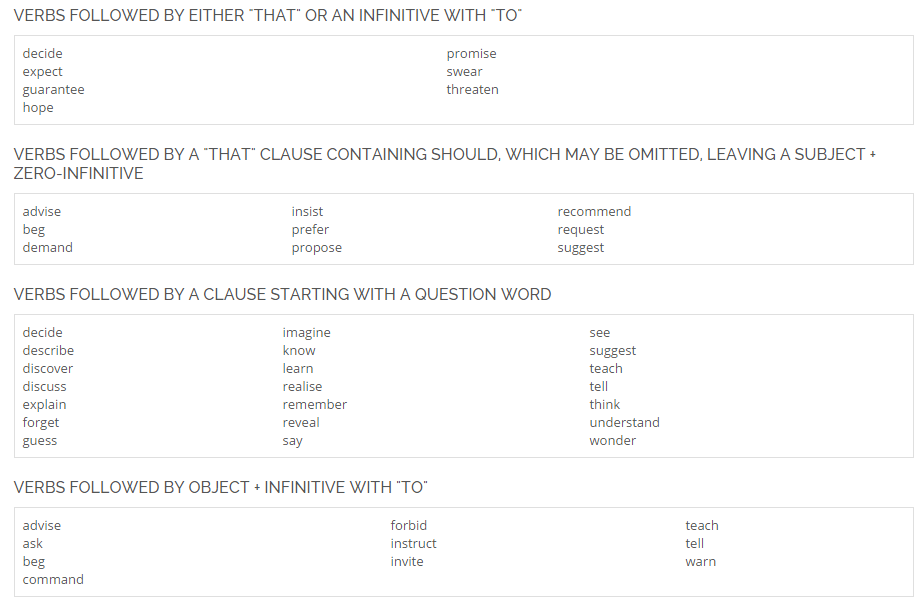
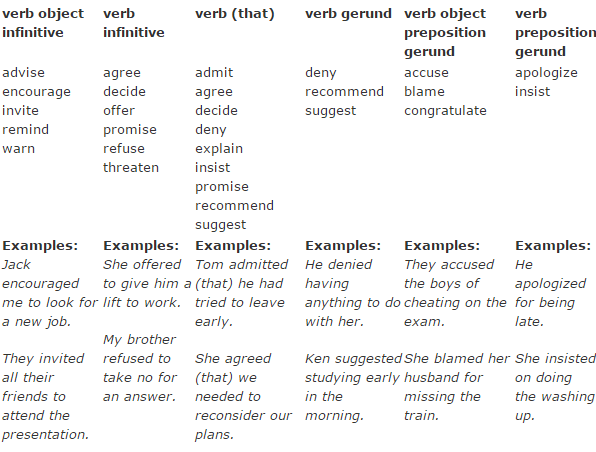
*They agreed to pay the legal costs.  
He promised to come as soons as possible.*  
  
**Common reporting verbs that follow this pattern are :**  
**agree  
ask  
claim  
demand  
offer  
promise  
propose  
refuse  
threaten**Some verbs can be followed by an object and infintive :  
  
**reporting verb** + **direct object** + **infintive with to  
  
  
Examples:**  
*He reminded me to call Kath.  
She warned them not to mention it.*

**Common reporting verbs that follow this pattern are :**  
**advise  
ask  
beg  
convince  
encourage  
forbid  
instruct  
invite  
order  
persuade  
remind  
tell  
urge  
warn (not to)**

**Reporting verbs followed by a gerund**

Some reporting verbs are followed by a gerund, not an infinitive :  
  
Direct speech : *'Why don't we have the party at Peter's place?'*  
Reported speech : *She suggested having the party at Peter's place.*

**Common reporting verbs that can be followed by a gerund are :**  
**admit  
deny  
mention  
proposed  
report  
suggest**  
**NB** All of these reporting verbs can also use a **verb** + **that** + **clause** structure (see above).  
  
Compare :  
*He admitted that he had taken the money.  
He admitted taking the money.  
  
She proposed setting up a committee.  
She proposed that we set up a committee.  
  
He mentioned seeing Martin.  
He mentioned that he had seen Martin*  
  
**The sentences in each pair have the same meaning.**



**Examples:**

A man has been **reported** to the procurator fiscal after a video was posted on the internet allegedly showing a "near miss" on the A9. Police Scotland investigated footage on YouTube showing a lorry

Shadow Home Secretary Yvette Cooper has **suggested that** police officers need greater powers to help in the fight against extremism.

Sophie Hutchinson spoke to one woman who has repeatedly **reported that** she was raped by him, and who says she still suffers as a result.

Nickerson (1999**) suggests that** effective communication depends on a generally accurate knowledge of what the audience knows. If a speaker assumes too much knowledge about the subject, the audience will either misunderstand or be bewildered; however, assuming too little knowledge among those in the audience may cause them to feel patronized (p.737).

He **explained that** in the first season of The Sopranos, Tony Soprano’s mobster activities are more threatened by members of his biological family than by agents of the federal government. This familial betrayal is multi-pronged. Tony’s closest friend and associate is an FBI informant, his mother and uncle are conspiring to have him killed, and his children are surfing the Web for information about his activities

Even so, one expert **suggested that** in time the game could make a useful addition to the virtual reality kit's library.

 after the London Olympics. Cook **stated** he would only switch to a country which had no rival -80kg fighter as he did not want to deprive another athlete of…

Classic comedy with one-man disaster area Frank Spencer. The new manager of the labour exchange refuses to **believe that** Frank is unemployable.…

 Over 84 seasons of Five and Six Nations there has been one roughly every two and a quarter years. You could **argue that** the tournament has seldom been as competitive.

WHO) recommended that all international travellers from Pakistan be administered polio drops at airports to prevent its spread. The Taliban have **claimed** that the polio vaccination drive is a front…

The company falsely **claimed** the coating could reduce heat loss by up to 25% and increase the value of a home, said Dudley Trading Standards, which led the case. It said in one case a 91-year-old woman…

police have not **commented** on the identity of the militant known as "Jihadi John", citing ongoing inquiries. Jihadi John sightings August 2014: Video in which US journalist James …

It came after officers **said that** they had seized a black Vauxhall Zafira - registration HY06 HYA - and said they wanted to speak to anyone who had ever owned the car or had seen it between 19 and 23 February.

He **repeated that** his urgent appeal for anyone who might have information on the case to come forward.