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#### I. Verbs + s.o + to-V: **ask, advise, beg, recommend, request, require, remind, order, want, ...**

- **S + V + s.o + to-V**

Example: "Can you open the door for me please?" – She said to me. (tell)

She **told me to open the door for her.**

- **s.o + be V<sub>3</sub> + to-V**

Example: "Can you open the door for me please?" – She said to me. (ask)

I **was asked to open the door for her.**

Other examples:

"If I were you, I would visit the doctor!" – Erina told me. (advise)

Erina **advised me to visit the doctor.**

I **was advised to visit the doctor (by Erina).**

"Please leave your passport at the reception." – The security guard said to us. (require)

The security guard **required us to leave our passport at the reception.**

We **were required to leave our passport at the reception (by the security guard).**

#### II. Verb + to-V (no object)

We use these verbs to report the idea of the direct speech but not repeating the whole sentence: **agree, disagree, offer, promise, threaten, wish, would like, want, volunteer,**

**remember, forget, ...**

Example:

"All right, I'll help you with your project next week." – He said to her. (agree)

He **agreed to help her with her project the following week.**

"I forgot to post your letter!" – She told me. (remember)

She **didn't remember to post my letter.**

#### III. Suggest/Advise/Recommend

- **S + suggest/advise/recommend + V<sub>ing</sub>**

Example: "Let's visit the zoo this weekend, shall we?" – He said. (suggest)

He **suggested visiting the zoo.**

- **S + suggest/advise/recommend + that + S<sub>2</sub> + (should) V<sub>bare</sub>**

Example: "You should read the next two lessons at home." – The teacher said to the students. (advise)

The teacher **advised that his students read the next two lessons at home.**

- **It + be + suggested/advised/recommended + that + S<sub>2</sub> + (should) V<sub>bare</sub>**

Example: "The salad should be thrown away tomorrow." – He said. (recommend)

*It was recommended that the salad (should) be thrown away the following day.*

**[K-12 NOTE]**

*You are advised **to exercise** regularly.*

*They are recommended **to go** on holiday.*

*~~The man is suggested **to talk** to the police right away.~~*

**IV. Verb (+ s.o) + PREP + V<sub>ing</sub>**

These are the most common phrases to be used in this type of reported speech: **admit (TO), deny, accuse s.o OF, suspect s.o OF, blame s.o FOR, prevent/ban s.o FROM, warn s.o AGAINST, apologize (TO s.o) FOR, ...**

Example:

*"I don't even know who he is!" – Roger said. (deny)*

*Roger **denied knowing who he is.** \_\_\_\_\_*

*"I'm terribly sorry for not coming to your birthday party, John." – Matt.  
(apologize)*

*Matt **apologized to John for not having come to his birthday party.** \_\_\_\_\_*