

Reporting Verbs

She told me
that you didn't
want to go to
the dance.

I never said
that!



Reporting verbs **say** and **tell** have similar meanings.

She **told** me
that you didn't
want to go to
the dance.

I never **said**
that!



Reporting verbs **say** and **tell** have similar meanings.
Tell is immediately followed by a **pronoun object**.

She **told me**
that you didn't
want to go to
the dance.

I never said
that!



told me

21

22

23

24

The reporting verbs **say** and **tell** have similar meanings. **Tell** is immediately followed by a **pronoun object**. **Say** usually isn't.

She **told me**
that you didn't
want to go to
the dance.

I never **said**
~~I~~ that!



The reporting verbs **say** and **tell** have similar meanings. **Tell** is immediately followed by a **pronoun object**. **Say** usually isn't.

She **said** ~~it~~
that you don't
want to go to
the dance.



Say and **tell** are commonly used reporting verbs but **other verbs** can be used to report the idea of the quoted words.

“I’ll lend you my car.”

She **offered** to lend me her car.

“I won’t buy the expensive jewelry.”

He **refused** to buy the expensive jewelry.

“Please come to the meeting.”

She **invited** me to that meeting.

There are several different verb patterns.

verb + **indirect object** + **infinitive**

“Would you like to dance?”

He **asked me to dance**.

“We would like you to teach an English class.”

They **asked me to teach** a class.

“We want you to apply for the job.”

They **encouraged me to apply** for the job.

“Don’t forget to wash the car, please.”

She **reminded her son to wash** the car.

Click on the correct statements.

They never said that to me.

correct

21

22

23

She asked me to come for dinner.

correct

24

She said me that I was a nice person.

incorrect

She told me that I was a nice person.

correct

Reporting Verbs

The End

21

22

23

24

Created by Laurette Poulos Simmons