

# Reporting Verbs

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**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.

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Click on the correct statements.

They never said that to me.

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She asked me to come for dinner.

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She said me that I was a nice person.

**incorrect**

She told me that I was a nice person.

**correct**



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