

REPORTED SPEECH _ INTRODUCTORY VERBS

Note: when you report long sentences sometimes you 'll need to add verbs such as “adding that” , “explaining”, “saying” ..etc

Ex.

Direct speech: "I'm going to the store," she said. "I need to buy some groceries."

Reported speech: She said she was going to the store, **adding that** she needed to buy some groceries.

Direct speech: "The project deadline is unrealistic," he said. "We need more time to finish it."

Reported speech: He argued that the project deadline was unrealistic, **arguing that** they needed more time to finish it.

EXERCISE

1. "This is ridiculous, I've been waiting for over an hour and no one has helped me!"

COMPLAIN

2. The corporate spokesperson declared, 'We did not leak any confidential information to the press. DENY

3. The senior journalist told his colleague, 'You were present at the press conference last week.'" REMIND

4. The investigative reporter claimed, 'The company falsified its financial reports.'" ACCUSE

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5. The police chief stated, 'I will not comment on the ongoing investigation. REFUSE

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6. "The media association representatives declared, 'We support the new media transparency law.'" AGREE

7. The chief editor told his team, 'I am deeply sorry for the misleading article.'
APOLOGIZE

8. The opposition leader announced, 'The election results must be recounted.'
INSIST

9. The team manager explained, 'My colleague is responsible for this mistake.'
BLAME

10. The meteorologist said, 'A severe storm is approaching the coastal region.'
WARN

11. "You should be careful about what you read in the news," she advised, "not everything you see in the media is true." ADVISE

12. The government official said, 'We will implement comprehensive media reform this year.'
PROMISE

13. The climate reporter said, 'We should increase coverage of environmental issues.'
SUGGEST

14-The media ethics expert said, 'Journalists should always verify their sources.'
RECOMMEND

15. Well done on your new role! You've worked so hard for this, and I'm sure you'll do amazing things at the media company. CONGRATULATE

16. "If you'd like, I can help you with your research for the article," she said. "I have some great sources that might be useful." OFFER