



# 1<sup>st</sup> semester

# Topic 29: Reporting structures.



# REPORTING VERBS

- 🌸 The most common reporting verbs are *say*, *tell* and *ask*.
- 🌸 However, there are many others that can help us be more precise in the information we want to report.

# REPORTING VERBS

## *Reporting Verb + To Infinitive.*

*Agree*

*Ask*

*Hope*

*Offer*

*Promise*

*Refuse*

*I will send you an email*

*I PROMISED TO SEND him an email.*

Can I see Mary?

He ASKED TO SEE Mary.

# REPORTING VERBS

 *Reporting Verb + Object + To Infinitive.*

*Advise*

*Ask*

*Invite*

*Promise*

*Tell*

*Warn*

*Do you want to go with me?*

*She INVITED ME TO GO with her?*

*I think you should'nt go.*

*I WARNED HIM NOT TO GO.*

# REPORTING VERBS

## Reporting Verb + (that) Clause.

Agree

Explain Complain

Hope

Point out

Promise

Reply

Say

Suggest

Warn

*It is too salty!*

*She COMPLAINED (that) IT WAS too salty.*

*I want to talk to you.*

*She SAID (that) SHE WANTED to talk to me.*

# REPORTING VERBS

 *Reporting Verb + Object + (that) Clause.*

*Promise*

*Remind*

*Tell*

*Warn*

*Don't forget to buy the drinks!*

*She **REMINDED ME (that) I HAD TO BUY** the drinks.*

*I want to talk to you.*

*She **SAID (that) SHE WANTED** to talk to me.*

# REPORTING VERBS

## Reporting verb +ing form

apologized for    accused sb of    admit    blame sb for    deny    insist on  
recommend    regret    suggest

*We could invite Sarah for supper.*

*Mum **SUGGESTED INVITING** Sarah for supper.*