

Verb Patterns with Reporting Verbs Activities

Put the words that you are given into columns by what follows them ("to + verb" etc). Some columns should be longer than the others.

Use the verb pattern heading cards to help check your columns, then check with an un-cut-up copy of the worksheet or as a class.

Test each other on the words:

- Read out a card and see if your partner can complete it
- Read out just the verb on the card (without "someone", "of", etc) and see if your partner can complete it
- Choose one category and help your partner make as many examples as they can
- Choose one of the four categories in the table below and help your partner make examples

Brainstorm verbs into these four categories:

+ someone to do	+ to do	+ ... + doing	+ doing

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Turn all the verb cards face down and take turns trying to find pairs of cards which take the same verb pattern. Stop when only the cards without matches are left.

Verb patterns with reporting verbs snap

Deal out the cards and take turns putting the top card from your pack face up on the table, without looking at it beforehand. If the last two cards take the same verb pattern, race to shout "Snap!" If you are right, you can take all the cards on the table. If you are wrong, the cards stay there and you need to give a card to the other player(s) as punishment.

Verb patterns with reporting verbs storytelling 1

Use the verb cards as you take turns continuing a story, making sure that you use the correct verb pattern each time.

Verb patterns with reporting verbs storytelling 2

Use the verb patterns cards as you take turns continuing a story, making sure that you use a correct verb with each.

Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers

The easiest words at the top or most difficult at the bottom can be left out.

+ to do		+ doing	
ask someone	tell someone	thank someone for	agree with
encourage someone	invite someone	apologise for	complain about
offer	promise	recommend	suggest
beg someone	command someone	reject	admit to
order someone	encourage someone	blame someone for	confess to
remind someone	warn someone not	propose	support
threaten	claim	object to	insist on
persuade someone	profess	justify	advocate

Verb patterns cards

+ someone to do	+ to do	+ ... + doing	+ doing
+ someone to do	+ to do	+ ... + doing	+ doing
+ someone to do	+ to do	+ ... + doing	+ doing
+ someone to do	+ to do	+ ... + doing	+ doing
+ someone to do	+ to do	+ ... + doing	+ doing