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Reporting Verbs & Impersonal Reporting Structures

1. Vocabulary Tables

A. Reporting Verbs Vocabulary

Verb	Arabic Meaning	Example Sentence (from lesson context)	Synonym
congratulate	يَهْنئ	The interviewer congratulated Callum on having won a prestigious book award.	praise
regret	يُندم	The writer regretted not doing it sooner.	feel sorry
explain	يُشرَح	The writer explained that it was down to a very old response.	clarify
ask	يَسأل	The interviewer asked if laughter was really good for us.	enquire
advise	يُنصَح	The writer advised people to surround themselves with those who have a sense of humour.	recommend
promise	يَعِد	The interviewer promised to do that.	assure
remind	يَذَكِّر	The interviewer reminded listeners that the book was available.	notify
suggest	يُقترح	The writer suggested watching comedy films with other people.	propose
inform	يُعلم	The interviewer informed the audience that his next guest was a yoga teacher.	tell
wonder	يَسْأَل	The interviewer wondered why laughter was contagious.	question

B. Key Grammar Vocabulary

Term	Arabic Meaning	Example	Synonym
reporting verb	فعل الإبلاغ	He promised to cook dinner.	reporting action
gerund (-ing)	المصدر (-ing)	suggested watching	verbal noun
infinitive	(to + verb) المصدر	promised to do	base verb

Term	Arabic Meaning	Example	Synonym
passive	المبني للمجهول	It is believed that...	passive voice
impersonal	غير شخصي	It was thought that...	general

2. Grammar Explanation

A. Reporting Verbs and Their Patterns

Many reporting verbs can be followed by **different grammatical patterns**, and sometimes this causes a **change in meaning or level of formality**.

Common Patterns:

1. **Verb + (that) + clause**

- He confessed that he had broken the vase.

2. **Verb + object + (that) + clause**

- He informed me that all the shops were closed.

3. **Verb + if / wh-word + clause**

- They asked how often I exercised at home.

4. **Verb + (that) + subject + (should) + infinitive (no to)**

- They recommended that we (should) wear protective gloves.

5. **Verb + (not) to + infinitive**

- He promised to cook dinner.

6. **Verb + object + (not) to + infinitive**

- He encouraged me to buy his book.

7. **Verb + (not) gerund (-ing)**

- Kyle regretted criticising our latest idea.

8. **Verb + (object) + preposition + gerund (-ing)**

- He congratulated me on passing the test.

Watch Out (Register Change):

He suggested watching a film. (*less formal*)

He suggested (that) we (should) watch a film. (*more formal*)

B. Impersonal Reporting Structures

We use **impersonal reporting** to talk about what people **generally believe, think, or say**, especially when:

- the speaker is unknown
- the speaker is not important
- we want to sound formal or objective

Two Main Structures:

1. **It + passive + that-clause**

- It is believed that nature sounds help you relax.

2. **Subject + passive + to-infinitive**

- Nature sounds are supposed to help you sleep better.

Special Forms:

- **Perfect infinitive (to have + past participle)** → action happened earlier
 - The fire is thought to have been started deliberately.
- **To be + -ing** → ongoing situation
 - Young people are thought to be using social media more.

3. Examples from the Lesson

- The interviewer congratulated Callum on having won a prestigious book award.
- The writer regretted not doing it sooner.
- The interviewer asked if laughter was really good for us.
- It is now believed that specially trained clowns can help reduce hospital stays.
- Hospital clowning was thought to have started in the 1970s.

4. Exercises

Exercise 1: Choose the correct option

1. The interviewer congratulated ____ a prestigious book award.
 - a) Callum had won
 - b) **Callum on having won**
2. The writer regretted ____ sooner.
 - a) **not doing it**
 - b) not to do

3. The writer explained ____ down to a very old response.
a) him that it was
b) **that it was**
4. The interviewer asked ____ really good for us.
a) if was laughter
b) **if laughter was**
5. The writer advised ____ themselves with those who have a sense of humour.
a) **people to surround**
b) people surrounding
6. The interviewer promised ____ that.
a) doing
b) **to do**
7. The interviewer reminded ____ available.
a) that the book was
b) **listeners that the book was**

Exercise 2: Impersonal Reporting

Choose the correct sentence.

- a) People believe that specially trained clowns can help children.
b) **It is believed that specially trained clowns can help children.**

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a) Hospital clowning is thought to start in the 1970s.
b) **Hospital clowning was thought to have started in the 1970s.**

Exercise 3: Formal vs Less Formal

Choose the more formal option.

- a) He suggested watching a film.
b) **He suggested that we (should) watch a film.**

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