REPORTED SPEECH SUMMARY OF REPORTING VERBS

Note that some reporting verbs may appear in more than one of the following groups.

1. VERBS FOLLOWED BY 'IF' OR 'WHETHER' + CLAUSE:

ask	say
know	see
remember	

My mum **asked** me if I had had an exam the day before.

2. VERBS FOLLOWED BY A THAT-CLAUSE

add	doubt	reply
admit	estimate (calcular)	report (informar)
agree	explain	reveal
announce	fear (temer)	say
answer	feel	state (exponer)
argue	insist	suggest
boast (presumir)	mention	suppose
claim (reclamar)	observe	tell
comment	persuade	think
complain (quejarse)	propose	understand
confirm	remark (observar)	warn (advertir)
consider	remember	
deny (negar)	repeat	

He **complained that** he had had problems with his computer.

3. VERBS FOLLOWED BY EITHER A THAT-CLAUSE OR A TO-INFINITIVE

decide	promise
expect	swear (jurar)
guarantee	threaten (amenazar)
hope	

He decided that he had to study more.
He decided to study more

4. VERBS FOLLOWED BY A THAT- CLAUSE CONTAINING SHOULD

advise	insist	recommend
beg (suplicar)	prefer	request (solicitr)
demand (exigir)	propose	suggest

He advised me that I should finish my dinner.

5. VERBS FOLLOWED BY A CLAUSE *STARTING WITH A QUESTION WORD:*

decide	imagine	see
describe	know	suggest
discover	learn	teach
discuss	realise (darse cuenta)	tell
explain	remember	think
forget	reveal	understand
guess (adivinar)	say	wonder (preguntarse)

He explained me how to do the exercise.

6. VERBS FOLLOWED BY OBJECT + TO-INFINITIVE.

advise	forbid (prohibir)	teach
ask	instruct (enseñar)	tell
beg	invite	warn
command (ordenar)		

He advised me to finish my homework.

THE END

Hope it helped you!!