PROPOSE RECOMMEND SUGGEST

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| | He proposed dealing directly with the suppliers. |
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| + -ING | I recommend writing your feelings down on paper. Tracey suggested meeting for a drink after work. |
| + (that) + subject + should + infinitive | He proposed (that) we should have another meeting. The doctor recommended (that) he should stay in bed. I suggest (that) he should not be at the meeting. |
| MORE FORMAL + (that) + subject + infinitive | She proposed (that) we see a marriage counsellor. The doctor recommended (that) she give up smoking. I suggest (that) he not be at the meeting. |
| LESS FORMAL + (that) + subject + present simple | She proposed (that) we see a marriage counsellor. The doctor recommended (that) she gives up smoking. I suggest (that) he calls him first. |
| + something to someone + to someone that they do sth | He proposed a compromise to me. I recommend this book to anyone with an interest in chemistry. I suggested to her that she change her lifestyle. |
| TYPICAL ERROR 1 + indirect object + to infinitive | ✓ We propose that Ms Smith be appointed. ✗ I propose Ms Smith to be appointed. ✓ I recommend that you buy a more powerful computer. ✗ I recommend you to buy a more ✓ I suggest she call him first. / ✗ I suggest her to call him first. |
| TYPICAL ERROR 2 + indirect object + direct object | ✓ He proposed a compromise to me. / ✗ He proposed me a compromise. ✓ Can you recommend a good hotel to me? ✗ Can you recommend me a good hotel? ✓ He suggested a solution to us. / ✗ He suggested us a solution. |
| TYPICAL ERROR 3 + to infinitive | ✓ I recommend booking early, as this is a popular event. ✗ I recommend to book early ✓ I suggested going in my car. / ✗ I suggested to go in my car. ✓ I proposed giving them more incentives. / ✗ I proposed to give them |