

## Reporting verbs - CAE

Rewrite each sentence, beginning as shown. Do not change the meaning.

1. "Sue, can you remember to buy some bread?"

Paul reminded \_\_\_\_\_

2. "I don't really think it'll snow tomorrow."

I doubt \_\_\_\_\_

3. "I'm sorry I didn't phone you earlier."

Jill apologised \_\_\_\_\_

4. "Yes, all right, I'll share the Bill with you, Dave."

Brenda agreed \_\_\_\_\_

5. "No, I'm sorry, I won't work on Saturday. Definitely not!"

Catherine refused \_\_\_\_\_

6. Let's go out to the café for lunch, shall we?"

Wendy suggested \_\_\_\_\_

7. "It's not true! I have never been arrested."

Larry denied \_\_\_\_\_

8. "If you like, I'll help you to do the decorating, Bob."

Ann offered \_\_\_\_\_

9. "I'll definitely take you to the park on Sunday, children."

Tom promised the \_\_\_\_\_

Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D)

## Television

When some friends of mine decided to get a new flat-screen digital television with a satellite system, I (1) ..... C ..... them whether they thought this was really necessary. 'After all, I (2) ..... , you're both very busy people and I (3) ..... whether you're going to have much time to watch it.' I (4) ..... that I thought they could manage just as well with their old set, and I (5) ..... them that they used to say that it wasn't worth getting a new television. They (6) ..... that this was how they once felt, but (7) ..... me that they had now changed their minds, and (8) ..... that they had thought about the matter very carefully. It's true that we usually only watch the news' they (9) ..... , but some friends (10) ..... us to get a new set with a better picture and more choice of channels. They said we (11) ..... to enjoy it and they (12) ..... watching more films and wildlife programmes. However, my friends then (13) ..... that they were not at home very much, because during the week they got home late from work and went straight to sleep, and at the weekend they usually went to the cinema. I (14) ..... to buy their television since they weren't using it very much, but they (15) ..... 'Oh no,' they said, 'every home needs a television.'

1 A said	B told	C asked	D requested
2 A said to them	B told to them	C told	D said them
3 A don't think	B insist	C suppose	D doubt
4 A agreed	B said	C doubted	D suggested
5 A advised	B persuaded	C reminded	D said
6 A agreed	B offered	C told	D apologized
7 A suggested	B insisted	C refused	D informed
8 A doubted	B insisted	C accused	D offered
9 A suggested	B said	C reminded	D advised
10 A advised	B suggested	C recommended	D offered
11 A started	B start	C have started	D would start
12 A advised	B offered	C suggested	D told
13 A admitted	B refused	C denied	D apologized
14 A promised	B offered	C persuaded	D suggested
15 A doubted	B insisted	C refused	D agreed