DAY 41. REPORTED VERB PATTERNS

1 **Choose the correct words in *italics*. In four sentences, both answers are possible.**

0 I agreed *to* / *him to* sign the bank forms for my son.
1 We told *you* / *to you* that we couldn't see you that evening.
2 The thief finally admitted *to stealing* / *that he had stolen* the painting from the gallery.
3 Your representative said *my husband* / *to my husband* that no payment would be taken.
4 The dentist suggested *that I should visit* / *visiting* him more regularly.
5 The programme makers apologised *upsetting* / *for upsetting* a lot of people.
6 Mario insisted *on buying* / *that he should buy* dinner for me as a 'thank you'.
7 She complained to my manager *that I was lazy* / *about my being lazy*.
8 The school encouraged *its students* / *to its students* to go to university.

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** **Complete the conversation with the verbs from the box.**
4.13 **Listen and check.**

agreed announced apologised encouraged ~~insisted~~ regretted said told thanked

RASHID Sorry I'm late. Have you seen the news yet?
BEN No. My dad called – he (0) *insisted* on telling me all about his holiday. Why?
RASHID Well, you know there's been a bit of trouble with the TV company I work for?
BEN The complaints about that really violent series, yeah.
RASHID The managing director called the whole company to a meeting after work and (1) ..... that he was going to resign this evening! He (2) ..... that he took full responsibility for the problems, because he'd (3) ..... to show the series although he knew how violent it was, so it was his fault.
BEN That's amazing, isn't it?
RASHID Yes, well, he's a very honourable man. He (4) ..... for causing any difficulties for his staff, you know, with reporters, and (5) ..... us all that he was very proud of the way we had behaved over the last two weeks.
BEN Did anyone ask how he felt about leaving?
RASHID Yes, he said he (6) ..... having to make this decision, but it was the only one he could make. Anyway, he (7) ..... us for supporting him, and (8) ..... us to stay on and make the company a success.

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