

# CAMBRIDGE GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY FOR FCE

## UNIT 8D: SAY, TELL, TALK, SPEAK, ETC.

Read the theory and solve the activities.

- 1 Complete the conversations. Use the correct form of the verbs in the box. You can use some of the verbs more than once.

convince   deny   give   persuade   say   talk   tell   turn down

- 0 A: People ...say... that he's been all round the world.  
B: Yes, he often talks about his travels.
- 1 A: I think he has just ..... us another one of his stories.  
B: I know! Does he ever ..... the truth?
- 2 A: Rose is brilliant at ..... jokes.  
B: I hope we can ..... her to tell us some tonight.
- 3 A: Why don't you ask Dr Roberts to ..... you a second opinion?  
B: Yes, I ought to ..... to someone else about this.
- 4 A: Doctor, they ..... it's urgent!  
B: Very well, ..... them I'm on my way.
- 5 A: They ..... the Prime Minister will be talking about the new law in Parliament today.  
B: I wonder what he's going to ..... this time!
- 6 A: You ..... me you were my friend!  
B: What are you ..... about?
- 7 A: I ..... a lie when I said I believed him.  
B: Really? I believe what he .....
- 8 A: You ..... him some good advice about his interview.  
B: But he didn't get the job. I wonder why he was .....
- 9 A: I accused him of stealing and he didn't ..... it.  
B: I think you should ..... your boss!
- 10 A: I couldn't ..... her to come with us.  
B: Did you ..... her that Ken is coming, too?



- 2 Choose the correct answer.

### A BIG STEP TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD?

Key states say they have reached an agreement at the Canberra Summit on Climate Change. The President of the USA <sup>(0)</sup>said told the agreement would be a foundation for global action. 'Let's just <sup>(1)</sup>say / tell we have taken a big step towards a better world,' he told reporters. However, the deal was <sup>(2)</sup>rejected / denied by a number of dissatisfied nations who had earlier <sup>(3)</sup>turned down / denied a proposal by the USA to adopt a 'carbon swap' policy. Likewise the representative from Venezuela <sup>(4)</sup>refused / denied rumours that an agreement had been reached at the last minute, while the Chinese representative <sup>(5)</sup>told / told to reporters that there were still a lot of issues to <sup>(6)</sup>speak / talk about. She admitted there were disagreements between large and small nations but they would try and <sup>(7)</sup>refuse / persuade all countries <sup>(8)</sup>to sign / of signing the agreement. 'We haven't <sup>(9)</sup>turned down / convinced everybody that we've got the best deal yet but we refuse <sup>(10)</sup>to accept / accepting defeat.' The European Union Commission President said: 'I cannot deny <sup>(11)</sup>that there are / of a few issues with the agreement but we will not <sup>(12)</sup>tell / give any further details at this time.' 'I do not want to <sup>(13)</sup>tell / give an opinion yet – the talks are not over,' <sup>(14)</sup>said / told the French representative.

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