

8 Choose the best answer. Use a dictionary to check the meaning of reporting verbs if necessary.

Television

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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.'

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| 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 |