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5 9.2, 9.5

Report each of these statements, using an appropriate verb from the box.

accuse apologise blame consider encourage ~~reassure~~ recommend
refuse regret remind suggest warn volunteer

- 0 My wife: 'Don't worry about the arrangements for the reception. They're all under control.'
..... *My wife reassured me that the arrangements for the reception were all under control.*
- 1 Geraldine: 'I will not take part in the new play.'
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- 2 My best friend: 'Don't you ever discuss my problems behind my back again!'
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- 3 Pete: 'You should think about going to the new Thai restaurant. It's excellent.'
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- 4 The departmental manager: 'It was your fault that we lost the Siemens contract.'
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- 5 The disc jockey: 'Oasis were definitely the best band of the nineties.'
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- 6 The fan: 'I'm terribly sorry about confusing you with George Michael.'
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- 7 The police officer: 'We believe that you have been making obscene phone calls to this office.'
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- 8 My friends: 'Come on – you can do the Swimathon with us. You're just as good as we are.'
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- 9 Mike's brother: 'I don't mind organising the collection for Mike and Sarah's wedding.'
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- 10 The team manager: 'I feel terrible now about contradicting Julie in front of her whole team.'
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- 11 The director: 'Let's try this scene a different way, shall we?'
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- 12 My mother: 'You had your tonsils taken out when you were about nine, remember?'
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6 9.1–9.4

Read the article at the top of the next page and then decide which word or phrase below best fits each space. Circle the letter you choose for each option. The exercise begins with an example (0).

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| 0 A answer | Ⓑ to answer | C that answer |
| 1 A did they spend | B they did spend | C they spent |
| 2 A whether | B what | C if or not |
| 3 A had increased | B was increased | C have increased |
| 4 A they still spending | B 'I still spend ... | C they still spent |
| 5 A changed | B had changed | C has changed |
| 6 A increased | B had increased | C increases |
| 7 A tells | B says us | C tells us |
| 8 A takes | B had taken | C take |
| 9 A or not | B could we get | C we could get |
| 10 A is turning | B was turning | C had turned |

Worries about Internet use

A recent survey into Internet use has thrown up some worrying results. The Stanford University survey asked respondents (0) ... a number of questions about their Internet use. It asked how much time (1) ... on the Internet and (2) ... Internet use had affected the amount of time they spent with family and friends. It also enquired whether their Internet use (3) ... the time respondents spent working, either at home or in the office. The answers were interesting, but not unexpected. Two-thirds of the people surveyed responded that (4) ... fewer than five hours a week on the Internet. The survey concludes that the behaviour of these people (5) ... little. However, a quarter of those people who do use the Internet for more than five hours a week claimed that they spend less time with their family and friends. One in four of the total respondents also said that the time they spent working at home (6) ..., benefiting their employers.

Professor of Political Science at Stanford, Norman Nie, (7) ... that we are moving from a world where we know and see neighbours and friends to one where interaction (8) ... place at a distance. He asked rhetorically whether (9) ... a hug or hear a warm voice over the Internet. It seems that the results of the survey prove that the Internet (10) ... people into solitary beings who can't be bothered to call their mother on her birthday.

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What did these people say? Rewrite the reported versions of some quotations by famous people in direct speech.

- 1 Al Capone once complained that he had been accused of every death except the casualty list of the World War.
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- 2 President Woodrow Wilson once remarked that he would never read a book if it were possible for him to talk for half an hour with the person who wrote it.
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- 3 Pablo Picasso once claimed that age only mattered when one was ageing. He said that as he had arrived at a great age, he might just as well be twenty.
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- 4 Jean-Paul Sartre once commented that the world could get along very well without literature and it could get along even better without man.
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- 5 A spokesperson from UNESCO stated that since wars had begun in the minds of men, it was in the minds of men that the defence of peace had to be constructed.
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- 6 Groucho Marx once asked a club to accept his resignation because he didn't want to belong to any club that would accept him as a member.
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- 7 President John F Kennedy once told the American people to ask not what their country could do for them, but to ask what they could do for their country.
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- 8 Albert Einstein once said that he knew why there were so many people who loved chopping wood. He explained that in that activity one immediately saw the results.
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