Unit 7 — Mediation: A German News Article — Teacher copy

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Niveau E

1. Vocabulary

Match each item to its meaning or use it in a sentence.

Term	Your note
to say	
to explain	
to mention	
to claim	
to advise	
to warn	
to recommend	
to point out	
to stress	
to add	
to deny	

2. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Source — *German news article (excerpt)*

Die Stadtverwaltung hat angekündigt, dass die Linie 42 ab dem 1. September einen neuen Fahrplan haben wird. Die Buslinie wird zwei zusätzliche Haltestellen im Stadtteil Ost bedienen. Die Fahrtzeit verlängert sich dadurch um etwa fünf Minuten. Pendler werden gebeten, die neue Verbindung im Online-Fahrplan zu überprüfen.

Mediation rules — Klasse 9 version

1. *Who is reading?* — register, formality.
2. *What do they need?* — keep facts, drop decoration.
3. *What is the smallest version?* — without losing meaning.
4. *Are there cultural notes that need explaining?*

Reporting verbs (extended)

to say, to explain, to mention, to claim, to advise, to warn, to recommend, to point out, to stress, to add, to deny.

3. Practise

Niveau E — controlled

1. Match German verb to English: *bestreiten — ?, betonen — ?, hinzufügen — ?, mahnen — ?*.
2. Choose: *say / claim / explain / warn* — The article _____ that the route will change. Critics _____ that this will hurt elderly passengers.

Niveau E — productive

3. Build a 5-sentence English mediation of the source article above.

4. Your turn

Mediation, 6–7 sentences. Read the German source above. Write 6–7 English sentences for a Canadian friend who has asked whether a particular bus stop is still reachable. Use 4 reporting verbs.

Sample

Hi Jo, here's the gist of the article. The city council has announced a new timetable for bus line 42, starting 1 September. The article explains that two extra stops are being added in the eastern part of town. It mentions the journey will be about five minutes longer. Officials advise passengers to check the online schedule. The article also points out that all current stops are kept, so your favourite shop should still be reachable. The change starts in two weeks.

5. Further reading / listening

- Goethe-Institut — Beispiel-Aufgaben Sprachmittlung.
- Landesbildungsserver BW — Mediation-Beispielaufgaben.

6. Teacher answer key

Controlled. 1. deny / stress / add / warn.

2. says or explains / warn or claim.

Productive. 3. Open.