Unit 7 — Mediation: A Teen Magazine — Teacher copy

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1. Vocabulary

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

Term	Your note
to say	
to explain	
to advise (someone to)	
to recommend	
to warn (someone about)	
to mention	
to claim	
to point out	

2. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Source — *German teen-mag article (excerpt)*

Studien zeigen, dass Jugendliche, die ihr Handy nachts neben dem Bett liegen haben, im Schnitt 30 Minuten weniger schlafen als ihre Mitschüler. Experten empfehlen, das Gerät außerhalb des Schlafzimmers zu laden. Eltern sollten dabei mit gutem Beispiel vorangehen.

Mediation — three rules

1. *Who is reading?* — adjust greeting and tone.
2. *What do they need to know?* — keep facts, drop decoration.
3. *What is the smallest version that gets them there?*

Reporting verbs

to say, to explain, to advise (someone to), to recommend, to warn (someone about), to mention, to claim, to point out.

- *Studies show that …*
- *Experts recommend that …*
- *Parents are advised to …*

3. Practise

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1. Match German verb to English: *empfehlen — ?, warnen — ?, erklären — ?, behaupten — ?*.
2. Choose: *say / explain / recommend* — Studies _____ that teens lose sleep. Experts _____ _____ that the phone be charged outside the bedroom.

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3. Build a 4-sentence English mediation of the source article above for an English-speaking friend.

4. Your turn

mediation (”Mediation”), 6 sentences. Read the German source above. Write 6 English sentences for an English-speaking friend who has asked what the article says. Use 3 reporting verbs.

Sample

Hi Jordan, here’s the gist of that German article. It says that teenagers who keep their phones next to the bed sleep about 30 minutes less on average than those who don’t. Experts recommend charging the phone outside the bedroom. Parents are advised to set the example. The article also points out that this is not about willpower — it’s about how the brain reacts to screens at night.

5. Further reading / listening

- Goethe-Institut — Beispiel-Aufgaben language mediation (Sprachmittlung) Englisch (Sek I).
- Landesbildungsserver BW — mediation (”Mediation”)-Beispielaufgaben.

6. Teacher answer key

G. 1. recommend / warn / explain / claim.

2. show or say / recommend.

M. 3. Open. Sample: *A German teen magazine reports that teens who keep their phones by the bed sleep about 30 minutes less than others. Experts recommend charging phones outside the bedroom. Parents are advised to set the example.*