



SAY vs TELL

Grammar Worksheet | A1-A2

Say and tell both mean to communicate something, but we use them differently. We usually use say with the information or words, and tell when we include the person who receives the information.

USE & FORM

SAY	TELL
say + information	tell + person + information
say to + person	tell + person
She said, "Hello."	She told me the truth.

1. Choose SAY or TELL.

- 1) Please ____ me your name.
- 2) She ____ that she was tired.
- 3) Can you ____ me the answer?
- 4) He ____, "Good morning."
- 5) I want to ____ you something.

2. Choose the correct sentence.

- 1) a) She said me the truth. b) She told me the truth.
- 2) a) He told that he was busy. b) He said that he was busy.
- 3) a) I told her the news. b) I said her the news.
- 4) a) They said hello to us. b) They told hello to us.

3. Complete with SAY, SAID, TELL, or TOLD.

- 1) I always ____ the truth.
- 2) Yesterday, she ____ me a funny story.
- 3) What did he ____ to you?
- 4) Please ____ your teacher about the problem.

4. Correct the mistake.

- 1) He said me his name. _____
- 2) She told that she was happy. _____

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Write one sentence with SAY and one sentence with TELL.



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ANSWER KEY

Say vs Tell

1. Choose SAY or TELL.

- 1) tell
- 2) said
- 3) tell
- 4) said
- 5) tell

2. Choose the correct sentence.

- 1) b
- 2) b
- 3) a
- 4) a

3. Complete with SAY, SAID, TELL, or TOLD.

- 1) tell
- 2) told
- 3) say
- 4) tell

4. Correct the mistake.

- 1) He told me his name.
- 2) She said that she was happy.

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Answers will vary. Check that SAY is used with the information/words, while TELL is followed by the person who receives the information.