Vocabulary Exercise – Using say, speak, talk & tell

Complete the sentences below using the verbs say, speak, *talk* or *tell*.

1 'Actions _____ louder than words' means that what you do is more important than what you say.

2 My brother and his wife can't _____ the difference between being realistic and pessimistic.

3 Michael and his two friends incessantly _____ shop during lunchtime in front of others.

4 Karen and Liz know what they _____ about since both are experts on interviewing.

5 If you _____ highly of someone, you say good things about them.

6 I barely _____ something when I feel others are staring at me in a meeting.

7 Hey, come on! Don't _____ behind my back! What's your problem with me?

8 If your voice is very quiet, people may ask you to _____ up.

9 _____ 'thank you' after receiving a gift. You should improve your manners.

10 Small _____ is polite, friendly conversation about unimportant topics.

11 _____ for yourself in case other people may get offended if you make generalizations.

12 I think you shouldn't trust many people. Some may _____ your secrets online and your reputation will get ruined.

13 Isn't it a bit hypocritical to _____ a prayer only when things are going wrong?

14 Those people who _____ their mind are not afraid to say exactly what they mean.

15 My parents taught me to _____ the truth no matter how bad it could be.

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