Say versus Tell

Review the rules about using the verbs "say" and "tell." Then complete the exercise below.

SAY

- simple past and past participle: *said*
- can be followed directly by what was said
- example: The teacher said to complete the homework by Sunday night.
- can be followed by "to" + person.
- example: The teacher said *to us*, "Your homework is due on Sunday night."

TELL

- simple past and past participle: *told*
- followed directly by the person someone is speaking to
- example: The teacher told *us* to do our homework by Sunday night.

Exercises: Fill in the blank with the correct form of "say" or "tell." Pay attention to verb tenses!

1. My grandpa used to _____ me stories before bedtime.
2. Have you ever _____ a lie before?
3. My best friend _____ me jokes every day.
4. The sign _____ that the speed limit is 50 km.
5. What did you _____ to me?
6. I met with the nutritionist last week. She _____ that I have to drink more water. She also _____ me that I should eat more green vegetables.
7. "I'm going to the library to do research," Ann _____ to me.
8. "I'm going to the library to do research," Ann _____.
9. "I'm going to the library to do research," Ann _____ me.

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