SAY – TELL – SPEAK - TALK

Exercise A

Insert the words say/tell/speak/talk into the blank spaces in the sentences below. Remember to use the correct form of the verb to match the context.

1. Can you remember what I _____ to you about chewing gum in class?
2. Let me _____ you again in case you didn't hear the first time.
3. John, I'd like to _____ with you tomorrow about the upcoming presentation.
4. It'll be very formal and you'll be _____ in front of 2,000 people.
5. Could you _____ Lisa that I need to see her in my office please?
6. What did you _____ to Lisa? She seemed rather embarrassed.
7. If you're upset, you can _____ to me (about your problems) anytime.
8. Paolo _____ to the group – first in English, then in Italian.
9. We have both tried to _____ Derek out of quitting his job, but he insists he's doing the right thing.
10. Could you please _____ me the deadline for my visa application?

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Exercise B

Use a suitable idiom with 'tell' in each of the blank spaces below.

1. My neighbour got bitten by a shark while on holiday, but he _____ .

2. I don't think their relationship will last, but I guess _____ .

3. You _____ ! Steve may look stupid, but he'd got a PhD in Astro Physics!

4. You need to be honest with your boss about the problems at work. Just _____ !

5. John said I had ugly legs, so I _____ !