

Speakout Intermediate 1

Unit 2

TELL, SAY OR ASK?

SAY	TELL	ASK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hello • good morning/afternoon/evening/night • sorry • something • nothing • so • a few words • no more • for sure • for certain • a prayer • yes/no 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sb one's name • sb the way • sb so • a story • a joke • a secret • a lie • the truth • the difference • one from another • sb what to do • sb off • the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a question • a favour • the time • after sb • the price • for smth/sb • around • for advice • for directions • sb out • permission • about

1. Choose the correct verb (say, tell or ask) to complete the sentences. Use the correct tense or form as well.

- a) My grandma loves _____ stories about her past.
- b) If you accept my offer - _____ yes.
- c) Do you have a watch? Can you _____ me the time, please?
- d) I like Jenny so much. I think I'll _____ her out on a date.
- e) When Dan had _____ her the truth, she looked at him but _____ nothing.
- f) Come on! _____ me your secret! I promise I'll keep it!
- g) A: I want something casual but trendy.....B: _____ no more! I got what you need!
- h) Vincent is a professional comedian. He works in a night club and _____ jokes to the audience.
- i) Excuse me! I'd like to _____ a question!
- j) If I were you, I'd never _____ Helen for advice.
- k) I spoke to James today. He _____ after you.
- l) If you see Peter today, _____ hi to him!
- m) I can't _____ the difference between these two guys. They look absolutely the same!
Are they twins?

2. Choose the correct alternative.

1. Can I _____? Will you open a window! It's too hot in here!
 - a) ask you a favour b) ask around c) tell you the way
2. Will you _____ about the project, please?
 - a) ask the time b) say a few words c) tell the difference
3. Why are you _____? There's a tag here. It costs \$10.
 - a) asking the price b) telling a lie c) saying a prayer
4. Sorry, I can't _____. I'm new to this neighbourhood.
 - a) tell you a story b) ask you for directions c) tell you the way
5. I can _____ - you'll win the race!
 - a) say for sure b) ask permission c) tell a joke