

Say or tell?

1 Write say or tell in the correct form.

- 1 Can you tell me the time?
- 2 Sorry, what did she say?
- 3 Yesterday he told me he was busy.
- 4 Yesterday she said that she was busy.
- 5 Don't tell anyone, OK?
- 6 I just want to say thank you.
- 7 My grandpa always tells great stories.
- 8 Did you say hello to your aunt?
- 9 Can you say that again, please?
- 10 Last night they told us to wait outside.
- 11 Please tell me about your new job.
- 12 What does this sign say?

2 Circle the correct word.

- 1 Do you _____ Spanish?
say / tell / say
- 2 Can I _____ to you for a minute?
say / tell / talk
- 3 She _____ me a funny joke yesterday.
said / told / talked
- 4 He _____ "good morning" to everyone.
said / told / talked
- 5 Don't _____ lies to your kids.
say / tell / speak
- 6 We need to _____ about money.
say / tell / talk
- 7 Could you _____ me how to get to the station? say / tell / speak
- 8 Did he _____ anything about the meeting?
say / tell / talk
- 9 I _____ to my mom every Sunday.
tell / say / talk

3 Choose the correct sentence.

- 1 a) She said me the news.
b) She told me the news.
c) She told to me the news.
- 2 a) He said that he was tired.
b) He told that he was tired.
c) He said me that he was tired.
- 3 a) Can you say me a story?
b) Can you tell to me a story?
c) Can you tell me a story?
- 4 a) She said me that she was sorry.
b) She said to me that she was sorry.
c) She told to me that she was sorry.

3 Choose the correct sentence.

- 5 a) I told him to call me.
b) I said him to call me.
c) I said to him call me.
- 7 a) Just say the truth.
b) Just tell the truth.
c) Just talk the truth.
- 6 a) What did he said?
b) What did he tell?
c) What did he say?

4 Report what people said. Write said or told.

- 1 "I'm late," Tom said.
Tom said he was late.
- 3 "We're moving," they said to us.
They told us they were moving.
- 5 "Call me later," my mom said to me.
My mom told me to call her later.
- 7 "I don't know," he said.
He said he didn't know.
- 2 "I'm late," Tom said to me.
Tom told me he was late.
- 4 "I love this place," she said.
She said she loved the place.
- 6 "Don't worry," the doctor said to us.
The doctor told us not to worry.
- 8 "The store is closed," the guard said.
The guard said the store was closed.

5 Put the words in order.

- 1 did / the / say / doctor / what / ?

What did the doctor say?

- 2 you / time / the / can / tell / me / ?

Can you tell me the time?

- 3 stay / my / me / boss / to / late / told / .

My boss told me to stay late.

- 4 dad / my / great / tells / jokes / .

My dad tells great jokes.

- 5 we / tomorrow / talk / can / ?

Can we talk tomorrow?

Say or tell?

Answer key

5 Put the words in order.

- 6 never / lies / she / tells / .

She never tells lies.

- 7 anyone / speak / here / French / does / ?

Does anyone here speak French?

6 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

- 1 She said me about her new job.

She told me about her new job.

- 2 He told that he was hungry.

He said that he was hungry.

- 3 Can you say me your name?

Can you tell me your name?

- 4 I always say the truth.

I always tell the truth.

- 5 My grandma says great stories.

My grandma tells great stories.

- 6 Did you tell goodbye to Anna?

Did you say goodbye to Anna?

- 7 We need to say about the trip.

We need to talk about the trip.

- 8 What did she tell to you?

What did she say to you?

Say or tell?

Answer key

YOUR LIFE

7 Write about a conversation you had this week.

SOMEONE TOLD ME...

I SAID...

Answers will vary.