

Say, Tell and Speak(b-1 Answers)

This sheet deals with how to use and differentiate these words.

You generally can:

say (said, said) something to someone (Please **say** hello to your mom.)

tell (told, told) someone something (Please **tell** your mom hello.)

speak (spoke, spoken) to someone (I have to **speak** to my teacher.)

Fill in the blank spaces with the correct form of say, tell or speak:

1. Please say “Thank you.” to Nancy for the nice present.
2. Please tell Nancy I said “Thank you.” for the nice gift.
3. I speak to my mom on Skype every evening at 6:00.
4. Could you tell John about the party? I forgot to tell him about it at school.
5. May I speak to someone in your office about this problem?
6. Mr. Obama is good at speaking to large groups of people, but I'm too shy to speak to a lot of people.
7. Dad usually tells us a bedtime story, but tonight Mom will tell us one.
8. I'm sorry. Did you say something to me?
9. I'm sorry. Were you speaking to me?
10. Will you please tell me the answer to this hard question? If not, then I will have to go to school and speak to my teacher.

This section is all past tense or past participle:

1. Yesterday, Jenn said she needed some help moving (*to me*).
2. Yesterday, Jenn told me she needed some help moving.
3. The arrested man said he didn't kill the girl to the police.
4. Mom told us to clean our rooms before we go out to play.
5. When Amy spoke to you, I'm sure she told you a lie about what happened when she lost the money.
6. I have spoken to the police and they said to come to the police station tomorrow to report the crime (*to us*).
7. Have you ever told someone you loved them?
8. Have you ever said “You're fired!” to someone?
9. Have you ever spoken to a famous person?
10. I told my coworker that I will change jobs. He said I was crazy to leave such a great job.