

Say, Tell and Speak(b-1)

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

This section is all past tense or past participle:

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