

# Say - Tell – Speak (1 Answers)

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 about the test.)

**\*\*speak and talk are both used the same way: talk to someone**

Special cases:

\* What did someone say to/about someone? / What did someone tell someone?

\* tell a lie, a secret, a story, a joke etc.

1. Could you speak to the neighbors about their noisy dog? I keep telling them to keep it quiet, but it never stops barking!
2. Tina's stylist told her she looked good with blue hair, but I said it looks terrible.
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4. The President came and spoke to the students at our school. He said all kids should help protect the environment, and told us to keep working hard.
5. Bill always says he'll be on time, but he never is. I often tell him that he's going to get fired if he keeps being late.
6. Kelly told me to tell you that she'll be arriving on the 10:30 flight.
7. What did you say to the teacher that made her cry?
8. Could you tell your mom I say/said hello (to her)?
9. Could you tell everyone at the party that I said I'm sorry I couldn't go?
10. Tom said that I cheated on the test, but when I spoke to our teacher, she told me she knew that I didn't do it.
11. The earthquake hit while I was speaking to Kim on the phone.
12. I really need to speak to Robert about this continuing problem in the office.
13. What did I tell you about running with scissors? Don't do it!! I've said it a thousand times!
14. Matt finally said that he had stolen the money when our boss told the staff that she would call the police if no one told the truth.
15. I was speaking to Nancy and she told me a really big secret. I promised I wouldn't tell anyone her secret.
16. What did Nick say to the police? Because after he spoke to them, they quickly left.
17. What did Nick tell the police? 'Cuz after speaking to them, they quickly left.
18. It is said that President Abraham Lincoln never told a lie.
19. My angry mom spoke to us for an hour and told us to keep our room clean.
20. Ann told me that she was home last night, but when I spoke to Bob, he said that she went dancing. I think she didn't want him to tell me that.