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## Mini Lesson 029 - Distinguishing Between 'Say' and 'Tell'

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### Explanation:

The verbs **'say'** and **'tell'** are used in reporting speech, but they serve different purposes.

### Uses of 'Say':

- **'Say'** is used when focusing on the words themselves, often without mentioning who they are directed to.

- Example: \*He said that he was tired.\*

- It can be used with or without quoting the exact words.

- Example: \*She said, "I'm coming."\*

- Example: \*She said she was coming.\*

### Uses of 'Tell':

- **'Tell'** is used when someone is speaking directly to a person, and it usually requires an object (someone).

- Example: \*She told me the news.\*

- It is also used for giving instructions or orders.

- Example: \*The teacher told the students to sit down.\*





## Exercises:

### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of **'say'** or **'tell'**.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ me that he was going to be late.
2. Did she \_\_\_\_\_ anything about the meeting?
3. I always \_\_\_\_\_ my parents about my day at school.
4. She didn't \_\_\_\_\_ who would be attending the party.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ they were coming, but they haven't arrived yet.
6. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ me your name, please?
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about what happened yesterday.

### Section 2: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. She \_\_\_\_\_ (said/told) that she was happy with the results.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_ (said/told) him to clean his room.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ (said/told) her that I was going on vacation.
4. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ (said/told) the staff about the new policy.
5. He \_\_\_\_\_ (said/told) me that he couldn't come to the meeting.
6. Did they \_\_\_\_\_ (say/tell) anything about the schedule change?





### Section 3: Match the Sentence with the Correct Answer

Match the sentences on the left with the correct responses on the right. Use **'say'** or **'tell'** appropriately.

1. She didn't _____ me her plans for the weekend.	A. They _____ they would arrive at 6 PM.
2. He _____, "I'm feeling tired today."	B. He _____ me the address for the meeting.
3. The teacher _____ the class to be quiet.	C. She _____ she couldn't attend the party.
4. They _____ they were running late.	D. The boss _____ us to finish the report today.
5. He _____ me the directions to the office.	E. He didn't _____ anything important.
6. She _____ she didn't like the movie.	F. I _____ him that I was sorry for being late.

### Section 4: Correct the Mistakes

Identify and correct the mistakes in the use of **'say'** and **'tell'**.

1. She said me that she's going to be late.
2. Can you say me your phone number?
3. He told, "I'm not feeling well today."
4. They said the truth about the situation.
5. I told that I would help with the project.
6. She said me that she was busy.

**Answers:**





### Section 1:

1. He **told** me that he was going to be late.
2. Did she **say** anything about the meeting?
3. I always **tell** my parents about my day at school.
4. She didn't **say** who would be attending the party.
5. They **said** they were coming, but they haven't arrived yet.
6. Could you **tell** me your name, please?
7. He **told** the truth about what happened yesterday.

### Section 2:

1. She **said** that she was happy with the results.
2. They **told** him to clean his room.
3. I **told** her that I was going on vacation.
4. The manager **told** the staff about the new policy.
5. He **told** me that he couldn't come to the meeting.
6. Did they **say** anything about the schedule change?

### Section 3:

1. She didn't **tell** me her plans for the weekend.
  2. He **said**, "I'm feeling tired today."
  3. The teacher **told** the class to be quiet.
  4. They **said** they were running late.
  5. He **told** me the directions to the office.
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