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## Mini Lesson 063 - Differentiating Between 'Say' and 'Tell'

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The verbs 'say' and 'tell' are often confused, but they have different uses in English. Understanding how to use them correctly is important for clear communication.

**Say** is used when you want to express something in words. It often does not require a specific object after it.

Example: "She said that she would come."

**Tell** is used when you give information to someone, and it always requires an object (the person you are speaking to).

Example: "She told me a story."

### When to use each word:

- Use 'say' when you are quoting someone or providing a statement.
- Use 'tell' when you are talking about communication directed towards someone.

### Examples:

- Correct: He said, "I am going to the park."
- Correct: He told me that he was going to the park.

### Common Mistakes:

- Incorrect: She said me about the event.
- Correct: She told me about the event.





## Exercises:

### Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Choose 'say' or 'tell' to complete each sentence.

1. She always \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
2. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me your name?
3. I didn't hear what he \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Please \_\_\_\_\_ me if you need help.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ that the meeting is canceled.
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ a joke that made everyone laugh.
7. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ me to clean my room.

### Section 2: Choose the Correct Form

Circle the correct word in each sentence.

1. I can't believe she (said/told) that to him!
2. He (said/told) me a secret.
3. What did you (say/tell) during the meeting?
4. They (said/told) us to be quiet.
5. Can you (say/tell) it again, please?





### Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentences using the correct form of 'say' or 'tell.'

1. He told that he would come.

He \_\_\_\_\_ that he would come.

2. She said me about her vacation.

She \_\_\_\_\_ me about her vacation.

3. They said they were happy.

They \_\_\_\_\_ that they were happy.

4. Can you say me the answer?

Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me the answer?

5. She told me, "I love ice cream!"

She \_\_\_\_\_ me that she loves ice cream.

### Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Fill in the blanks with 'say' or 'tell.'

A: What did he \_\_\_\_\_ when you asked him?

B: He \_\_\_\_\_ he would help us tomorrow.

A: Did he \_\_\_\_\_ anything else?

B: No, that was all he \_\_\_\_\_.





### **Section 5: Identify the Mistakes**

Find and correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

1. Can you say me where the library is?
2. I can't believe she told that to her teacher.
3. He said me about his new project.
4. They tell, "We are excited for the trip!"
5. I told my friend that the book is interesting.

#### **Answers:**

##### **Section 1:**

1. says
2. tell
3. said
4. tell
5. said
6. told
7. told

##### **Section 2:**

1. said
2. told
3. say
4. told
5. say





**Section 3:**

1. He said that he would come.
2. She told me about her vacation.
3. They said that they were happy.
4. Can you tell me the answer?
5. She told me that she loves ice cream.

**Section 4:**

1. say
2. said
3. said
4. said

**Section 5:**

1. Can you **tell** me where the library is?
2. I can't believe she **said** that to her teacher.
3. He **told** me about his new project.
4. They **said**, "We are excited for the trip!"
5. I **told** my friend that the book is interesting.

