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| **Verbs: Say and Tell** |

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| Both **“say / tell”** are used to repeat what someone else said.  **TELL** must be followed by a direct object. A direct object is a word or words that answer the question: “ Who? / What?” The direct object after “tell” will always be the audience or person/people listening.  Ex. *He told* ***me*** *that I should close the door.*  **SAY** Since “tell” is used with a direct object only, “say” is used in ALL other sentences which repeat what someone else said.  Ex. *He said, “You should close the door.” He said that I should close the door. He said to me that I should close the door.*  **Idioms:** Tell a story, tell a lie, tell the truth, tell a secret, tell the time, tell a joke, etc. |

*Use the correct form of “SAY and “TELL” in the following sentences.*

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| 1. | Margaret \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she could not go to the theatre on Wednesday. |
| 2. | Did Helen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ what time she would arrive in New York? |
| 3. | Mike \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Joan that we would play golf with her on Friday. |
| 4. | John \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “I am not feeling well today.” |
| 5. | Tom \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me all about his trip to Korea and I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that I may go there next year. |
| 6. | The little girl asked her mother to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_her a story. |
| 7. | It was Jean who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us that the restaurant was closed. |
| 8. | Maureen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that the exhibition was excellent. |
| 9. | “What time is it?” “It is 3 o’clock” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jim. |
| 10. | Marc \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us that Mr. Simon was a former police officer. |
| 11. | Joanne \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she would like to compete in a swimming meet. |

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| 12. | Can you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me how I could reach the football stadium? |
| 13. | Francine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, “I didn’t like the movie last night.” |
| 14. | “Will you please carry this tray for me? It is too heavy”, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Dale. |
| 15. | Ray \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bernice that he was tired of working in the same department as John. |
| 16. | Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she was very sore from jogging. |
| 17. | “Please \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Williams that we have arrived” \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Andy. |
| 18.  19.  20.  21.  22.  23.  24.  25.  26.  27.  28.  29.  30. | Allan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lie and was caught. Now he promises to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the truth.  Tina \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that she was going to go to Hawaii for two weeks.  Maria \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Kevin that she could not finish her work on time.  David \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_his girlfriend a lie, and she broke up with him.  The Smiths’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_us all about their European vacation. They \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that the trip was very interesting and memorable.  I don’t want to go out with him tonight. If I \_\_\_\_\_\_ him the truth, he will be hurt; but if I \_\_\_\_\_ him a lie, I won’t feel right. What should I do?  Can you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me how I can get to Union Station?  Harold \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that the book belonged to Stacey.  Please \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me about the movie you saw last night. Kathy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that she liked it very much.  My sister\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ us that she was too busy to go with us after school.  Carla \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to me, “It is necessary to write all your answers down.”  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me just what you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to the new client. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that he only wanted you to work on his account.  Paolo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_me all about the seminar. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that it was very useful , but it was also tiring. |