

## FUMC ESL High Intermediate Lesson

### WARM UP:

In your group. Read the sentences. Tell if you agree or disagree. Make sure everyone answers.

- 1.It is easy for me to talk in a group.
- 2.It is easy for me to understand people who speak English.
- 3.I think Americans talk louder than people in my country.
- 4.I think Americans talk more than people in my country.
- 5.I love to talk about my \_\_\_\_\_.

### Verbs used in Talking

#### SAY

Use say when you report someone's words: *She said to lock the door when you leave.* If you are reporting speech, you must set it off in quotation marks. *She said, "Close the door when you leave."*

Use say when you ask about language: *How do you say "book" in Spanish?*

You say hello, say goodbye, say thank you.

#### TELL

Tell is usually followed by a person: Tell John to lock the door. Tell him to bring the key. He told me his name. Can you tell me where the post office is?

You tell someone a story, a joke, your name, your address, your phone number.

You don't tell someone directions, you give them directions. *Can you give me directions to the post office?*  
NOT *Can you tell me directions to the post office?*

#### ASK

Ask is used for questions. *My sister asked me to babysit for me. I asked him to turn the TV off. We asked her what time it was.*

#### SPEAK or TALK

*Do you speak Korean?* NOT *Do you talk Korean?*  
*I spoke to Jim about it.* OR *I talked to Jim about it.*

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

- 6.The police officer \_\_\_\_\_, "Come here."
- 7.She \_\_\_\_\_ him her name.
- 8.I \_\_\_\_\_ goodbye to him earlier.
- 9.The little boy \_\_\_\_\_, "Please \_\_\_\_\_ me a story."
- 10.Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me where Park Avenue is?
- 11.The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the students there would be a test.
- 12.How do you \_\_\_\_\_ "hello" in Chinese?
13. She always \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
- 14.Dad usually \_\_\_\_\_ funny jokes.
- 15.She \_\_\_\_\_, "Happy birthday!"

### Here are some more advanced verbs of talking:

*admit:* (confess) She admitted she had lied.

*advise:* (offer suggestions) The teacher advised me to stay in school.

*argue*: (express disagreement) Mother argued with the salesclerk.

*complain*: (express unhappiness with something) We complained that there was not enough time to finish the test.

*confess*: (admit a wrong) Susan confessed that she hadn't done her homework.

*exclaim*: (cry out suddenly) Help, he exclaimed!

*mumble*: (say something quietly, blurring words together) The children mumbled their answers to the teacher.

*tattle*: (report another's wrongs) The younger child tattled on the older children. (sometimes we use "tell on")

*lie*: (tell something untrue) The men lied about where they were going.

*whine*: (high pitched complaining) The children whined about eating their vegetables.

*comment*: (remark or opinion) My neighbor commented that our yard looked much better.

### **Phrasal Verbs**

If you "talk back" to the teacher, you reply rudely.

If you "talk down" to someone, you speak to them as if they were stupid or a child.

If you "talk someone in to something" you convince them to do it. (talk someone out of it means the opposite)

If you "talk it over", you discuss it.

If you "speak up", you speak louder.

If you "shut up", you stop talking.

Speech is a noun. Your speech is the way you talk. EX: Her speech is slurred. His speech is not easy to understand.

When you stand up and talk about something, you give a speech. EX: The president gave a speech to the U.N.