

**Use “say” when you report someone’s words. The past tense of say is “said”.**

She said I was a good boy.                      He said he wanted some coffee.  
 How do you say “book” in Spanish?                      Did you say you wanted a cookie?  
 Say “hello” to the nice lady.                      Always say “thank you”.

**Tell is usually followed by a person. The past tense of tell is “told”.**

Tell Jack the answer.                      Tell me your secret.      Tell him to sit down.  
 Tell me your address.                      Tell me how to say “book” in Spanish.  
 We told Jack the answer.                      She told me her secret.      I told him to sit down.  
 He told me his name.                      We told them our names.

**Use tell with other question words like when, why, how, where.**

Tell me when your flight arrives.                      Tell me why you came.                      I told her how to say it.  
 She told me where she found it.                      They told me when to pick them up.

**You can tell someone the time, tell a story, tell a joke, tell your name or age or address.****Ask is used for questions. The past tense of ask is “asked”.**

My sister asked me to babysit.                      They asked him where he was going.  
 Ask someone to help you.                      Ask her to pick you up now.  
 She asked the waiter for the check.                      We asked many questions.

**Speak/Talk/Answer**

Look at the different uses of these verbs:

Do you speak Spanish?  
 I like talking to you.  
 I’ll answer the phone.  
 I sent an e-mail, but he didn’t answer.  
 Answer the question.

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

1. The police officer \_\_\_\_\_, “Come here.”
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ me her name.
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ goodbye to him.
4. Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ my son a funny story.
5. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me where the library is?
6. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ that the students were smart.
7. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me the time?
8. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ her a joke?
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ the doctor that she felt better.
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ the library was one block away.
11. She didn’t \_\_\_\_\_ where she was going.
12. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the truth?
13. Anthony \_\_\_\_\_ he was very tired.
14. Jesse \_\_\_\_\_, “I love you.”
15. Jess \_\_\_\_\_ her he loved her.
16. They \_\_\_\_\_ us to leave.

17. Mother \_\_\_\_\_ it was still raining.
18. They \_\_\_\_\_ me to wait.
19. You \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher a lie.
20. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ Marty to go home.
21. Len \_\_\_\_\_ he was coming.
22. I \_\_\_\_\_, "Turn off the TV."

**USE subject pronouns in the subject of the sentence and object pronouns to show who received the action.**

subject pronouns: I, you, he, she, it, we, they

object pronouns: me, you, him, her, it, us, them

EX: I hit her. I is the subject. This is the doer of the action. Her is the object (receiver of the action).

**In the sentences below, underline the subject pronoun and circle the object pronoun.**

You hit her hard.

I bought him a ball.

We showed them the books.

They told us to follow the bus.

He offered me some money.

**Fill in the blanks with correct pronouns.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ wanted \_\_\_\_\_ to go with them.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ asked \_\_\_\_\_ to leave.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_\_ the answer.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ bought \_\_\_\_\_ a toy.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ sold \_\_\_\_\_ a car.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ thought \_\_\_\_\_ was with you.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ made \_\_\_\_\_ a good dinner.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ helped \_\_\_\_\_ carry the packages.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ brought \_\_\_\_\_ to class.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ broke \_\_\_\_\_ dishes.