

# SAY AND TELL

**SAY** hello, good morning/afternoon etc., something, nothing, so, a few words, no more, for sure/certain

**TELL** a story, a lie, a joke, a secret, the truth, the time, the difference, someone your name, someone the way, someone's fortune

## SAY (say/said/said)

We use **say** when we report someone's words.

- She **said**, 'This is horrible.'
- He **said** that he wanted a drink.

We use **say** when we ask about language.

How do you say 'book' in French ?

When we use these greetings, we use: **say** hello /goodbye/ thank you/  
Happy Birthday / Congratulations.

**Tell** ( tell / told / told )

**Tell** is usually followed immediately by a person. **Say** (said in the past tense) is not followed immediately by a person.

- He **told** me his name.
- He said me his name.

We use **tell** when we want to know how to get to a place.

Can you **tell** me where the bus station is, please ?

Can you say me where the bus station is, please ?

We use **tell** with other wh-words too ( when,how,why,where)

- He **told** me how to send a fax.
- **Tell** me when you want to have dinner.

You can **tell** someone the time/a story/a joke/your name/address/telephone number.

Mom, please tell me a story.

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of say and tell .

- Can you \_\_\_\_\_ me where the Plaza Hotel is please ?
- She \_\_\_\_\_ me her name.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ goodbye to her.
- ‘Please, \_\_\_\_\_ me a story,’ the little boy \_\_\_\_\_.
- Come here ! The police officer \_\_\_\_\_.
- The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ that the students were very good.

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