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Do you know when you should use the verb *say* and when you should use the verb *tell*? These two verbs have similar meanings but are used differently in English. What's the difference? Let's find out!

	Meaning	Examples
say	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. short talk/ speaking 2. quoting 3. pronouncing a word 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She said it's time to go. 2. "It's time to go!" she said. 3. How do you say goodbye in Chinese?
tell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. longer talk 2. explaining 3. order or request 4. revealing something 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Kelly told us about the Global Village. 2. Ms. Razziano told the class how to write an essay. 3. He told us to study for the test. 4. Weini told Mr. Wronka that he forgot his homework.
	Grammar (Patterns!)	Examples
say	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. must give direct object (what) 2. can give indirect object (who) but must use this pattern: She said + for (who) + to (what) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She said to turn left at the light. ("turn left at the light" is <i>what</i> she said.) 2. She said for us to turn left at the light.
tell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Usually gives indirect object without using the for/to pattern. 2. Can give direct object (what) but does not always. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She told us (to) turn left at the light. 2. "Tell us the story!" OR "Tell us!"

Directions: Now it's your turn to choose the correct verb! Fill in the blanks with the correct verb. Use the table to help you remember the rules!

1. Weini _____ us to save him a seat.
2. Ronald _____ for us to please save him a seat, too.
3. Amy _____ that she is going to be late today.
4. Megan _____ us that she might be late too.
5. "Liya, _____ the class about your vacation." _____ Ms. Kelly.
6. The teacher _____ her.
7. The teacher _____ her that she did well on the test.
8. The teacher _____ for her to keep up the good work.
9. How do I _____ "magic trick" in Chinese?
10. He _____ us how to do the magic trick.

Directions: Write your own sentences using *tell* or *say*.

1. (say) _____
2. (tell) _____
3. (say) _____
4. (tell) _____