

Concept Questions / Flow Charts



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say /seɪ/ verb [T] (says /sez/; pt, pp said /sed/)
> SPEAK 1 say sth (to sb); say that ...; say sth (about sb) to speak or tell sb sth, using words: 'Please come back,' she said. • I said goodbye to her at the station. • We can ask him, but I'm sure he'll say no. • The teacher said we should hand in our essays on Friday. • He said to his mother that he would phone back later. • They just sat there without saying anything.

say /spɪk/ verb (pt spoke /spəʊk/; pp spoken /spəʊkən/) 1 [I] speak (to sb) (about sb/sth); speak (of sth) to talk or say things: I'd like to speak to manager, please. • Could you speak more slowly? was so angry I could hardly speak.

HELP Speak or talk? Speak and talk have almost the same meaning but we use **talk** more formally, to show that two or more people are having a conversation, and **speak** to show that one person is saying something, especially in a formal situation: I'd like to speak to the manager, please. • We talked all night. • The head spoke to the class about university courses.

2 [I, T] [not used in the continuous tense] and be able to use a language: Does she speak German? • She speaks (in) Greek to ... • a French-speaking guide 3 [I] speak (to) to make a speech to a group of people: Hurst has been invited to speak on Air policy.

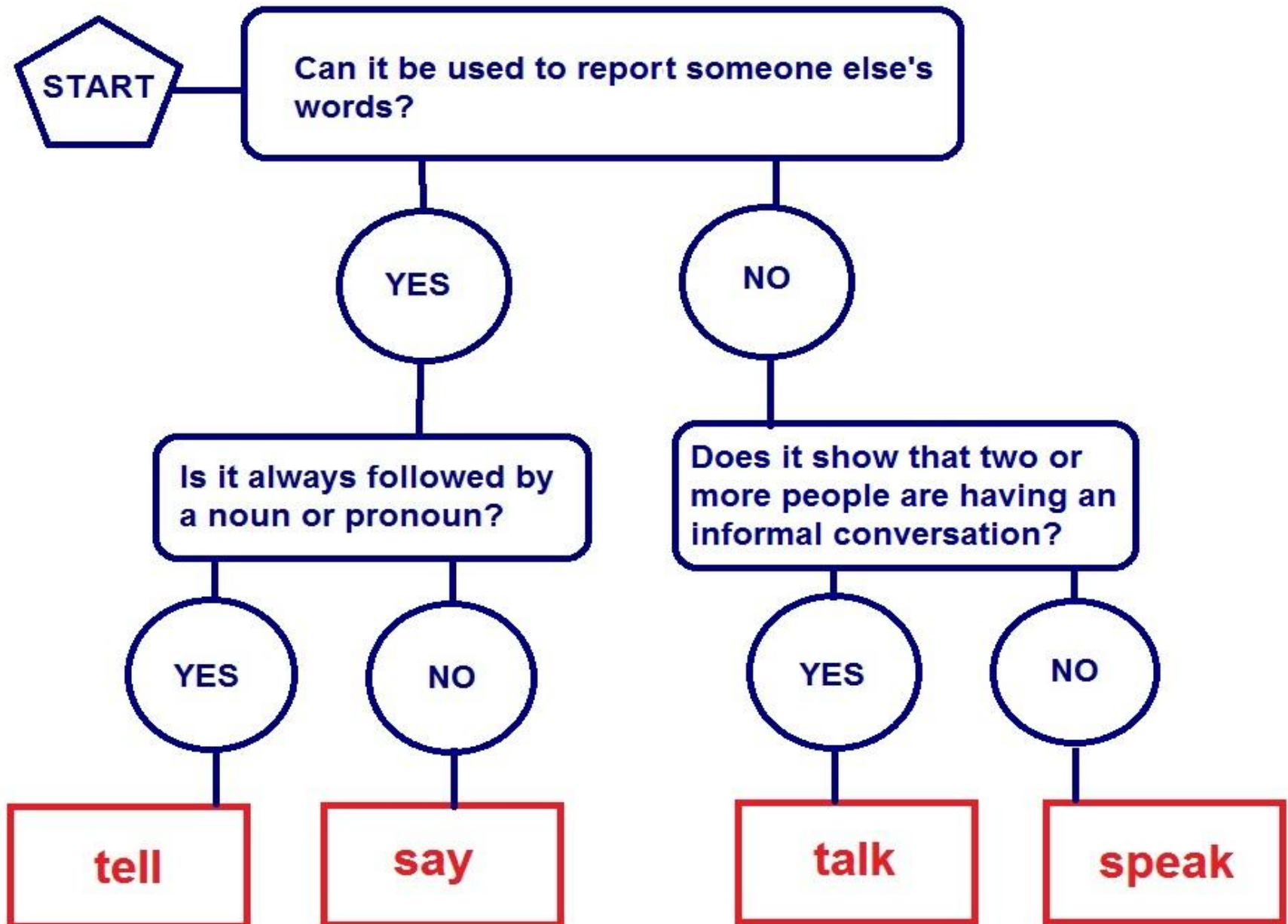
say /tel/ verb (pt, pp told /təʊld/)
> GIVE INFORMATION 1 [T] tell sb (sth/that ...); tell (about sth); tell sth to sb to give information to sb by speaking or writing: She told me her address but I've forgotten it. • He wrote to tell me that his mother had died. • Tell us about your holiday. • to tell the truth/a lie • to tell a story • Excuse me, could you tell me where the station is? • He tells that story to everyone he sees. 2 [T] (used about a thing) to give information to sb: This book will tell you all you need to know.
> SECRET 3 [I] to not keep a secret: Promise you won't tell!
> ORDER 4 [T] tell sb to do sth to order or advise sb to do sth: The policewoman told us to get out of the car.

HELP Say or tell? Say is often used with the actual words that were spoken or before that in reported speech: 'I'll catch the 9 o'clock train,' he said. • He said that he would catch the 9 o'clock train. Notice that you say something to someone: He said to me that he would catch the 9 o'clock train. Tell is always followed by a noun or pronoun, showing who you were speaking to: He told me that he would catch the 9 o'clock train. Tell, not say, can also be used when you are talking about giving orders or advice: I told them to hurry up. • She's always telling me what I ought to do.

3 Study the dictionary entries and read the sentences in exercise 2 again. Then answer the questions.

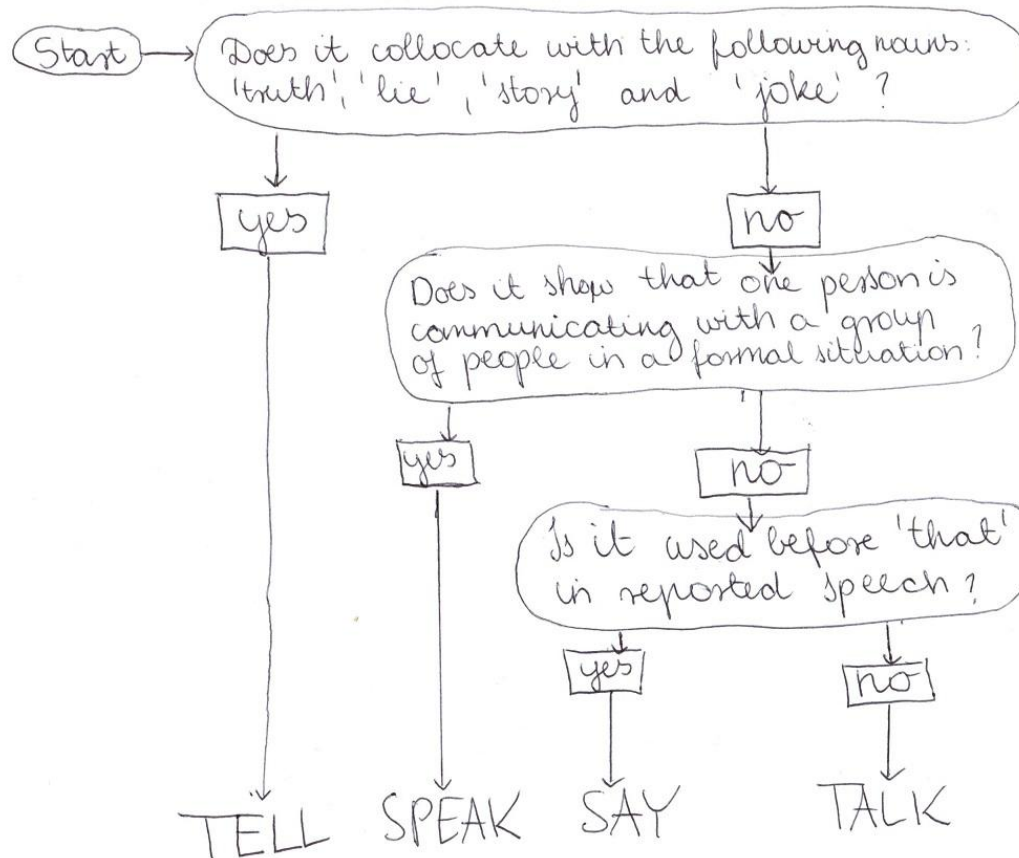
- 1 Which two verbs can be used to report someone else's words?
- 2 Which verb is always followed by a noun or a pronoun?
- 3 Which verb can be used to give orders and instructions?
- 4 Which verb shows that two or more people are having an informal conversation?
- 5 Which verb shows that one person is communicating with a group of people in a formal situation?
- 6 Which verb collocates with the following nouns: *truth, lie, story* and *joke*?

Say, speak, talk or tell?



Flowcharts

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Try your own flow chart now, use these sets:

look, watch, stare, glare, (or gaze, peer, peep, gape)

walk, stroll, wander, plod, stagger, ...

laugh, snicker/snigger, giggle, smile, chuckle

eat, nibble, gobble (up), guzzle, munch, ...

choose your own set...

Creative writing activity

A senses poem

When I am in the forest,

I see...

I hear...

I smell...

I taste...

I feel...



Focusing on accuracy

Translation



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Junk Food Heaven

There were two hundred types of breakfast
20 cereal. The most immediately interesting was
a cereal called Cookie Crisp, which tried to
pretend it was a nutritious breakfast but was
really just chocolate chip cookies that you put in
a bowl and ate with milk. Brilliant. I grabbed* a
25 box and rushed* back to the trolley.

Translate from English into L1

wait

Translate back from L1 into English