Say and Tell Exercise

She **said** she didn't like it
She **told me** she didn't like it

What did she **say**?
What did she **tell you**?
What did she **say to you**?
What did she **say you**? ✗
What did she **tell to you**? ✗

**A** Fill the gaps with the correct form of *say* or *tell*.

1. They .................. on the news that everyone survived.

2. Come on. .................. me everything.

3. You know what they .................. about Bangkok, don't you?

4. Mummy! The teacher .................. a rude word in class today.

5. I hate the way she keeps .................. me what to do.

6. Richie .................. the same thing over and over again.

7. What did you .................. to him?

8. What did you .................. him?

9. He gave me his email address but he didn't want to .................. what his phone number was.

10. He didn't want to .................. me his phone number.

11. He didn't want to .................. what the problem was.

12. They .................. that John's really mean with money.

13. He .................. me I wasn't invited to the wedding.

14. She .................. me all about her holiday in Sicily.

15. I couldn't understand a word of what he was trying to .................. to me.

16. He .................. me this funny story about what happened to him on holiday.

**EXCEPTIONS**

17. I thought she was my friend until I found out she'd .................. all my secrets to everyone.

18. Jenny .................. a lie about my boyfriend last week.

**B** Now make up some examples of your own.

1. ...........................................................................

2. ...........................................................................

3. ...........................................................................

4. ...........................................................................
Answers

1. They said on the news that everyone survived.
2. Come on. Tell me everything.
3. You know what they say about Bankok, don't you?
4. Mummy! The teacher said a rude word in class today.
5. I hate the way she keeps telling me what to do.
6. Richie says the same thing over and over again.
7. What did you say to him?
8. What did you tell him?
9. He gave me his email address but he didn't want to say what his phone number was.
10. He didn't want to tell me his phone number.
11. He didn't want to say what the problem was.
12. They say that John's really mean with money.
13. He told me I wasn't invited to the wedding.
14. She told me all about her holiday in Sicily.
15. I couldn't understand a word of what he was trying to say to me.
16. He told me this funny story about what happened to him on holiday.
17. I thought she was my friend until I found out she'd told all my secrets to everyone.
18. Jenny told a lie about my boyfriend.