Speak and Talk Exercise

**speak** = • be able to use a language orally
• give a speech

**talk** = • discuss
• speak informally
• the physical activity

A Fill the gaps with either **speak** or **talk** in the correct form.

1. She ....................... so much it gives me a headache.
2. Francesca ....................... five languages.
3. I've noticed he only ever ....................... about himself.
4. All I can tell you about babies is that they walk at one and ....................... at two.
5. What are you ....................... about? They can't be getting divorced!
6. Everyone ....................... well of Jenny. I mean, she's kind, amazingly intelligent and drop-dead gorgeous.
7. Don't say anything about this to Roger. He ....................... behind people's backs.
8. Simon. We need to ....................... .
10. I haven't ....................... to Rachel since she cheated me over the bill in the restaurant.
11. She gave an interesting ....................... on the use of illegal wood in the furniture industry.
12. You're ....................... rubbish, absolute rubbish!
13. He could ....................... his way out of anything.
14. Let's go for a coffee and ....................... it over.
15. It's just ....................... , that's all. I don't believe a word of it.
16. At least she always ....................... her mind.
17. ....................... up, man! I can't hear a word you're saying.
18. The facts ....................... for themselves.

B Now write some examples of your own.

1. ...........................................................................................................................
2. ...........................................................................................................................
3. ...........................................................................................................................
4. ...........................................................................................................................
Answers

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2. Francesca speaks five languages.
3. I've noticed he only ever talks about himself.
4. All I can tell you about babies is that they walk at one and talk at two.
5. What are you talking about? They can't be getting divorced.
6. Everyone speaks well of Jenny. I mean she's kind, amazingly intelligent and drop-dead gorgeous.
7. Don't say anything about this to Roger. He talks behind people's backs.
8. Simon. We need to talk.
9. It's true. You don't snore but you do talk in your sleep. In fact, you answer all my questions.
10. I haven't spoken to Rachel since she cheated me over the bill in the restaurant.
11. She gave an interesting talk on the use of illegal wood in the furniture industry.
12. You're talking rubbish, absolute rubbish!
13. He could talk his way out of anything.
14. Let's go for a coffee and talk it over.
15. It's just talk, that's all. I don't believe a word of it.
16. At least she always speaks her mind.
17. Speak up, man! I can't hear a word you're saying.
18. The facts speak for themselves.