

‘말하다’ 의미의 tell, speak, say 및 talk의 차이

1. tell : ~에게 말해주다 If you tell someone something, you give them information.
한쪽 편에서 일반적으로 이야기, 지시, 부탁 등을 전하며, 듣는 사람과 내용에 관심을 갖는다.

If you tell someone to do something, you order or advise to do it.

If you can tell one thing from another, you are able to recognize the difference between it and other similar things.

1) tell + IO(someone) + DO

I told him the story.

She told me that she would be late.

2) tell + DO +to someone

He told his story to The Sunday Times.

3) tell + O(someone) + OC

I told him to be on time.

2. speak : (언어)를 말하다. 연설하다

말하는 능력 및 행동 자체에 의미를 두는 상황 및 언어를 말하다는 경우에 쓰인다.

1) (transitive verb)

I can speak English well.

He spoke Korean as if he had been a Korean.

2) (intransitive verb)

He spoke to the audience.

3. say : (~ 내용)을 말하다

상대가 누구인가가 중요한 것이 아니고 내용의 전달에 중점을 둔다.

(transitive verb)

1) say +(to someone) + O

She said they were very impressed.

He said to me that he was happy.

2) say + O +(to someone)

He said nothing to me.

Say hello to him for me.

I couldn't understand what he said.

What did he say to you? = What did he tell you?

4. talk : 대화하다 If you talk to some, you have a conversation with him.

say나 tell 처럼 일방적으로 말하는 것이 아니고 상대의 의견도 생각하면서 서로 주고 받으며 이야기 하는 대화의 경우에 쓰인다.

1) (intransitive verb)

Let's talk.

The boys all began to talk at once.

I came here to talk to you.

2) (transitive verb)

If you talk something such as politics or sports, you discuss it.

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<http://www.musicalenglishlessons.com/vocabulary/verbs2.htm>