

ask/tell + object + infinitive**1 Choose the correct word.**

- 1 "Please don't shout."
She *asked / told* him not to shout.
- 2 "Can you show me the way?"
He *asked / told* her to show him the way.
- 3 "Turn right at the next corner."
She *asked / told* him to turn right at the next corner.
- 4 "Don't worry!"
She *asked / told* him not to worry.
- 5 "What's your name?"
She *asked / told* him what his name was.
- 6 "Stop!"
She *asked / told* him to stop.
- 7 "What are you doing?"
She *asked / told* me what I was doing.

Remember

- We use *tell / told* when the sentence is a command or instruction.
- We use *ask / asked* when the sentence is a request.

2 Choose the correct sentence, a or b, that reports what was said.

- 1 "Don't do that!"
a She asked him not to do that.
b She told him not to do that.
- 2 "Could you help me later?"
a She asked me if I could help her later.
b She told me to help her later.
- 3 "Put that down right now!"
a She asked him to put it down immediately.
b She told him to put it down immediately.
- 4 "Where do you live?"
a She asked him where he lived.
b She told him where he lived.
- 5 "Can you please lock the door when you leave?"
a They asked us to lock the door when we left.
b They told us to lock the door when we left.
- 6 "Go away!"
a They asked us to go away.
b They told us to go away.

3 Write reporting sentences using the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

SUE Mark, please close the window. (ask)

Sue *asked Mark to close the window.*

1 JANE Be quiet, Paul. (tell)

Jane _____

2 TEACHER Julie, can you tell me the answer, please? (ask)

The teacher _____

3 PETRA I love you, Jack! (tell)

Petra _____

4 JILL Don't be silly, Andrew! (tell)

Jill _____

5 PHIL How can we get there, John? (ask)

Phil _____

6 DAVID Can you help me, Susan? (ask)

David _____