ask/tell + object + infinitive

1 Choose the correct word to report each sentence.
   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.

   b) She told him to put that down immediately.
   4 ‘Where do you live?’
      a) She asked him where he lived.
      b) She told him where he lived.
   5 ‘Please relax and don’t worry.’
      a) They asked us to relax and not to worry.
      b) They told us to relax and not to worry.
   6 ‘Go away!’
      a) They asked us to go away.
      b) They told us to go away.

2 Choose the sentence 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 immediately!’
      a) She asked him to put that down immediately.

3 Write reporting sentences using ask or tell and the to infinitive.
   Sue: ‘Mark, please close the window.’ (ask)
   Sue asked Mark to close the window.
   Jane: ‘Shut up, Paul!’ (tell)
   Jane ____________________________
   2 Teacher: ‘Julie, tell me the answer please?’ (ask)
      The teacher ____________________________
   3 Petra: ‘Go away, 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 ____________________________

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