

Worksheet 13

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.

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.

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.
 - 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.

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.

- 1 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 _____