

What's the difference?



SAY

Say + something (+ to someone)

Ron **said something really funny to me.**

Say + "that" clause

John **said that he received good news.**

Say + "wh-" noun clause

Jen **didn't say when she would return.**

Say + to + verb

My teacher **always says to work hard.**



TELL

Tell + someone + something.

Nobody **told Jim about the meeting.**

Sara **told Bob the good news.**

EXCEPTIONS: ● **Tell + a lie** ● **Tell + a story**

Ben **has never told a lie.** ● **Tell + the truth**