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2 a : to describe in detail : narrate b : to give an account an article telling of her experience 3 a : to make known : reveal b : to express in words can't tell you how pleased we are 4 : to give information to : inform tell me as soon as the package gets here 6 : to find out by observing can tell the child is honest 7 : to act as a tattletale 8 : to have a noticeable effect the pressure began to tell on them 9 : to be evidence of : indicate smiles telling of success See also: Tell English edit English Wikipedia has an article on:Tell (disambiguation)Wikipedia Pronunciation edit Etymology 1 edit From Middle English tellen ("to count, tell"), from Old English tellan ("to count, tell"), from Proto-West Germanic *talljan, from Proto-Germanic *taljaną, *talzijaną ("to count, enumerate"), from Proto-Germanic *talą, *talǭ ("number, counting"), from Proto-Indo-European *dol- ("calculation, fraud"). Cognate with Saterland Frisian tälle ("to say; tell"), West Frisian telle ("to count"), West Frisian fertelle ("to tell, narrate"), Dutch tellen ("to count") and Dutch vertellen ("to tell"), Low German tellen ("to count"), German zählen, Faroese telja. More at tale. Verb edit tell (third-person singular simple present tells, present participle telling, simple past and past participle told or (dialectal or nonstandard) telled) (transitive, archaic outside of idioms) To count, reckon, or enumerate. All told, there were over a dozen. Can you tell time on a clock? He had untold wealth. c. 1589–1590 (date written), Christopher Marlo[we], edited by Tho[mas] Heywood, The Famous Tragedy of the Rich Iew of Malta. […], London: […] I[ohn] B[eale] for Nicholas Vavasour, […], published 1633, ¬OCLC, Act I:Well fare the Arabians, who so richly payThe things they traffic for with wedge of gold,Whereof a man may easily in a dayTell that which may maintain him all his life. 1875, Hugh MacMillan, The Sunday Magazine:Only He who made them can tell the number of the stars, and mark the place of each in the order of the one great dominant spiral. (transitive, ditransitive) To narrate, to recount. I want to tell a story; I want to tell you a story. 1918, W[illiam] B[abington] Maxwell, chapter VII, in The Mirror and the Lamp, Indianapolis, Ind.: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, ¬OCLC:" […] Churchill, my dear fellow, we have such greedy sharks, and wolves in lamb's clothing. Oh, dear, there's so much to tell you, so many warnings to give you, but all that must be postponed for the moment." (transitive, ditransitive) To convey by speech; to say. Finally, someone told him the truth. He seems to like to tell lies. 1913, Joseph C[rosby] Lincoln, chapter IV, in Mr. Pratt's Patients, New York, N.Y.; London: D[aniel] Appleton and Company, ¬OCLC:I told him about everything I could think of; and what I couldn't think of he did. He asked about six questions during my yarn, but every question had a point to it. At the end he bowed and thanked me once more. As a thanker he was main-truck high; I never see anybody so polite. 2016, VOA Learning English (public domain) Tell her you're here. (transitive) To instruct or inform. Please tell me how to do it. 1897 December (indicated as 1898), Winston Churchill, chapter V, in The Celebrity: An Episode, New York, N.Y.: The Macmillan Company; London: Macmillan & Co., Ltd., ¬OCLC:But Miss Thorn relieved the situation by laughing aloud, […] . We began to tell her about Mohair and the cotillon, and of our point of observation from the Florentine galleried porch, and she insisted she would join us there. (transitive) To order; to direct, to say to someone. Tell him to go away. 1909, H. G. Wells, Ann Veronica:She said she hoped she had not distressed him by the course she had felt obliged to take, and he told her not to be a fool. 2012 October 25, John Noble Wilford, "Neil Armstrong, First Man on the Moon, Dies at 82", in New York Times[1]:Stability was restored, but once the re-entry propulsion was activated, the crew was told to prepare to come home before the end of their only day in orbit. 2022 January 12, Benedict le Vay, "The heroes of Soham...", in RAIL, number 948:The driver remained at his post, while telling fireman Jim Nightall to get down on the track and run back to uncouple the burning wagon from the rest. (transitive or intransitive) To discern, notice, identify or distinguish. Can you tell whether those flowers are real or silk, from this distance? No, there's no way to tell. I can tell you're upset. An expert can tell an original from a forgery. 1910, Emerson Hough, chapter I, in The Purchase Price: Or The Cause of Compromise, Indianapolis, Ind.: The Bobbs-Merrill Company, ¬OCLC:Captain Edward Carlisle, soldier as he was, martinet as he was, felt a curious sensation of helplessness seize upon him as he met her steady gaze, her alluring smile; he could not tell what this prisoner might do. (transitive) To reveal. Time will tell what became of him. (intransitive) To be revealed. 1990, Stephen Coonts, Under Siege, 1991 Pocket Books edition, ¬ISBN, p.409: Cherry looks old, Mergenthaler told himself. His age is telling. Querulous — that's the word. He's become a whining, querulous old man absorbed with trivialities. (intransitive) To have an effect, especially a noticeable one; to be apparent, to be demonstrated. Sir Gerald was moving slower; his wounds were beginning to tell. 1859, John Stuart Mill, On Liberty:Opinion ought [… to give] merited honour to every one, whatever opinion he may hold […] keeping nothing back which tells, or can be supposed to tell, in their favour. 1960 April, Cecil J. Allen, "Locomotive Running Past and Present", in Trains Illustrated, page 212:[…] the 4 miles at 1 in 180 up to Sanquhar were mounted with no greater fall in speed than from 65 to 59 m.p.h., after which, possibly as a result of easing the engine or because the strain on steam supply was beginning to tell, the final 3½ miles up at 1 in 200 up to milepost 59½ were surmounted at a minimum of 49½ m.p.h. 2011 September 18, Ben Dirs, "Rugby World Cup 2011: England 41-10 Georgia", in BBC Sport:But England's superior fitness told in the second half, with Delon Armitage, Manu Tuilagi and Chris Ashton (two) going over for tries to secure a bonus-point win. (transitive) To use (beads or similar objects) as an aid to prayer. (intransitive, childish) To inform someone in authority about a wrongdoing. Synonym: tell on I saw you steal those sweets! I'm telling! (authorship, intransitive) To reveal information in prose through outright expository statement — contrasted with show. Maria rewrote the section of her novel that talked about Meg and Sage's friendship to have less telling and more showing. Usage notes edit In dialects, other past tense forms (besides told) may be found, including tald/tauld (Scotland), tawld (Devonshire), teld (Yorkshire, Devonshire), telled (Northern England, Scotland, and in nonstandard speech generally), telt (Scotland, Geordie), tole (AAVE, Southern US, and some dialects of England), toll (AAVE), tolt (AAVE). Conjugation edit Synonyms edit Antonyms edit (antonym(s) of "to instruct or inform"): ask Derived terms edit a little bird told meall toldbetellcan you tell usdead men can tell no tales, dead men tell no talesdoes Macy's tell Gimbel'sdon't pee on my leg and tell me it's rainingdon't piss on my leg and tell me it's rainingdon't piss on my leg and tell me it's rainingdon't tell medo tellforetellforthtellfortune-tellgo tell your mother she wants youhear tellhiss-and-tellI can tell you, I'll tell you, I'll tell you whatI'm not telling youI'm telling a lie, I tell a lieI'm telling you, I tell youkeep telling yourself thatkiss-and-tell, kiss and telllive to tell the talemistellno-tell hotelno-tell motelnow you tell meonly time will tellpiss on someone's leg and tell them it's rainingpray tellshow-and-tell, show and tellshow don't tellshow, don't telltattle telltell againsttell-all, tell alltell apart tell a storytellertell fortunestellingtell it like it istell its own storytell its own taletell it to Sweeneytell it to the handtell it to the judgetell it to the marinestell me about ittell me another onetell me something I don't knowtell nosestell oftell offtell ontell someone where to get offtell someone where to shove ittell story, tell-a-storytell-tale compasstell talestell tales out of schooltelltale, tell-taletell-tale-tittell the differencetell the timetell the truthtell-trothtell-truthtell us anothertell us another onetell volumestell-worthytell you the truthtell you whattime alone will tell, time will tellto tell the truth, to tell you the truthtruth to telluntellwhat can I tell youwhat did I tell youwho are you tellingyou can't tell a book by its coveryou're telling meyou tell me Translations edit Noun edit tell (plural tells) A reflexive, often habitual behavior, especially one occurring in a context that often features attempts at deception by persons under psychological stress (such as a poker game or police interrogation), that reveals information that the person exhibiting the behavior is attempting to withhold. (informal) A giveaway; something that unintentionally reveals or hints at a secret. 2023 May 4, Amy X. Wang, Grant Cornett, "Inside the Delirious Rise of 'Superfake' Handbags", in The New York Times[2], ¬ISSN:Those whose business it is to verify luxury bags insist, at least publicly, that there's always a "tell" to a superfake. 2024 January 3, John Patrick Leary, "Israel's "Right to Exist" Is a Rhetorical Trap", in The New Republic[3]:Republican Congressman Chris Smith of New Jersey said recently that "Israel is the only state in the world whose fundamental right to exist, within any borders at all, is openly denied by other states." But Israel is the only nation with a "right to exist," as the phrase is not commonly attached to any other country. And that's the tell: This is not a legal concept, but a political one, available for broad interpretation and rhetorical weaponization. (archaic) That which is told; a tale or account. April 4, 1743, Horace Walpole, letter to Sir Horace Mann I am at the end of my tell. (Internet) A private message to an individual in a chat room; a whisper. See also edit Etymology 2 edit From Arabic تَلّ (tall, "hill, elevation") or Hebrew תֵּל (tél, "hill"), from Proto-Semitic *tall- ("hill"). Noun edit tell (plural tells) (archaeology) A hill or mound, original and especially in the Middle East, over or consisting of the ruins of ancient settlements. 2001, David L. Lieber, Jules Harlow, Etz Hayim: Torah and Commentary, page 205:Succoth is now associated with a large tell situated in the Jordan Valley, Deir Allah. Translations edit Hawaiian Creole edit Etymology edit Derived from English tell. Verb edit tell (transitive, ditransitive) To tell (convey by speech; say). 2000, "Matthew 8", in Joseph Grimes, transl., Da Jesus Book: Hawaii Pidgin New Testament[4], Wycliffe Bible Translators, ¬ISBN, page 110:He tell um, "Go." So dey wen let go da guys, an go take ova da pigs. An you know wat? All da pigs wen run down one steep hill an fall ova da cliff inside da lake, an drown inside da water.And he said unto them, Go. And they came out, and went into the swine: and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep into the sea, and perished in the waters. Norwegian Bokmål edit Verb edit tell Yola edit Preposition edit tell alternative form of del 1867, "A YOLA ZONG", in SONGS, ETC. IN THE DIALECT OF FORTH AND BARGY, number 2, page 84:Ha deight ouse var gabble, tell ee zin go t'glade.You have put us in talk, 'till the sun goes to set. References edit Jacob Poole (d. 1827) (before 1828) William Barnes, editor, A Glossary, With some Pieces of Verse, of the old Dialect of the English Colony in the Baronies of Forth and Bargy, County of Wexford, Ireland, London: J. Russell Smith, published 1867, page 84 to give an account or narrative of; narrate; relate (a story, tale, etc.).to tell the story of Lincoln's childhood.Synonyms: report, describe, recountto make known by speech or writing (a fact, news, information, etc.); communicate.to announce or proclaim.to utter (the truth, a lie, etc.).to express in words (thoughts, feelings, etc.).to reveal or divulge (something secret or private).Synonyms: spill the beans, squeal, confess, avow, admit, own, acknowledge, reveal, expose, disclose, betray, bareto say plainly or positively.I cannot tell just what was done.to discern or recognize (a distant person or thing) so as to be able to identify or describe.Can you tell who that is over there?to distinguish; discriminate; ascertain.You could hardly tell the difference between them.to inform (a person) of something.to assure emphatically.to bid, order, or command.to mention one after another, as in enumerating; count or set one by one or in exact amount.to tell the cattle in a herd;All told there were 17 if we are correct.to give an account or report.to give evidence or be an indication.The ruined temples told of an ancient culture, long since passed from existence.to disclose something secret or private; inform; tattle.She knows who did it, but she won't tell.to say positively; determine; predict.to have force or effect; operate effectively.a contest in which every stroke tells.to produce a marked or severe effect.The strain was telling on his health.British Dialect. to talk or chat.to tattle on (someone).to separate from the whole and assign to a particular duty.Informal to rebuke severely; scold.It was about time that someone told him off.(when tr, may take a clause as object) to let know or notifyhe told me that he would go(tr) to order or instruct (someone to do something)I told her to send the letter airmailto give an account or narration (of something)(tr) to communicate by words; utter(tr) to make known; discloseto serve as an indicationher blush told of her embarrassment(tr; used with can, etc; may take a clause as object) to comprehend, discover, or discern(tr; used with can, etc) to distinguish or discriminatehe couldn't tell chalk from cheese(intr) to have or produce an impact, effect, or strainevery step told on his bruised feetinformal to reveal secrets or gossip (about)don't tell!she told on him(tr) to assureI tell you, I've had enough!(tr) to count (votes)dialect (intr) to talk or chatterinformal to tell the truth no matter how unpleasant it isto read the time from a clockslang I know that very well"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012William, German name Wilhelm Tell. a legendary Swiss patriot, who, traditionally, lived in the early 14th century and was compelled by an Austrian governor to shoot an apple from his son's head with one shot of his crossbow. He did so without mishap"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012a large mound resulting from the accumulation of rubbish on a long-settled site, esp one with mudbrick buildings, particularly in the Middle East"Collins English Dictionary — Complete & Unabridged" 2012 Digital Edition © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012Origin of tell1First recorded before 900; Middle English tellen, tel(le) "to speak, talk, say, mention," Old English tellan "to tell, relate, count"; cognate with Dutch tellen "to reckon, count," Old Norse telja "to count, number, say," Old High German zellēn, German zählen "to count, number"; akin to taleOrigin of tell2First recorded in 1860–65; from Arabic tall "hillock"Origin of tell1Old English tellan; related to Old Saxon tellian, Old High German zellen to tell, count, Old Norse teljaOrigin of tell2Examples have not been reviewed."Two wee children have lost their lives and a mummy, when they just should be enjoying the school holidays and having a wonderful time," Pat Cullen told the BBC's Good Morning Ulster programme.Although officials said the plane had passed a recent technical inspection, civil aviation authority told news agencies it had been involved in four incidents since 2018.Last month, Badenoch told the BBC that she was "going to get better" as party leader, adding: "You don't want people to be the very best they're going to be on day one."His team did not reply but West's spokesperson previously told USA Today: "Lauren Pisciotta's amended complaint is the fourth version she has advanced. Each new revision contradicts the others."Ben Locke, an American psychologist who researches US colleges' support services, has argued that many mental health assessment tools cross over with normal human distress, leading to more people being told they need professional help.Definitions and idiom definitions from Dictionary.com Unabridged, based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2023Idioms from The American Heritage® Idioms Dictionary copyright © 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.TelkomtellableBrowse#aabbccddeeffgghhiijjkkllmmnnooppqqrrsttuuvvwwxxyyzzAboutCareersContact usCookies, terms, & privacyHelpFollow usGet the Word of the Day every day!© 2025 Dictionary.com, LLC Also found in: Thesaurus, Legal, Acronyms, Idioms, Encyclopedia, Wikipedia.Related to tell: William Tell (tĕl)v. told (tōld), tell·ing, tells v.tr.1. a. To communicate by speech or writing; express with words: She told him that the store was closed. Tell me the truth.b. To give a detailed account of; narrate: told what happened; told us a story.c. To notify (someone) of something; inform: He told us of his dream to sail around the world.d. To make known; disclose or reveal: tell a secret; tell fortunes.e. To inform (someone) positively; assure: I tell you, the plan will work.f. To give instructions to; direct: told the customers to wait in line.2. To discover by observation; discern: We could tell that he was upset.3. To name or number one by one; count: telling one's blessings; 16 windows, all told.v.intr.1. To relate a story or give an account of an event: The sailor told of having been adrift for days.2. To reveal something that is not supposed to be revealed, especially something that someone has done wrong: She promised not to tell on her friend.3. To have an effect or impact: In this game every move tells.n. Games An unintentional or unconsciously exhibited behavior that reveals or betrays one's state of mind, as when playing poker.Phrasal Verb: tell off Informal To rebuke severely; reprimand.Idiom: tell time To determine the time of day indicated by the positions of the hands on a clock. (tĕl)n. A mound, especially in the Middle East, made up of the remains of a succession of previous settlements.[Arabic tall; see tll in Semitic roots.]American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fifth Edition. Copyright © 2016 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. (tɛl) vb, tells, telling or told1. (when tr, may take a clause as object) to let know or notify: he told me that he would go. 2. (tr) to order or instruct (someone to do something): I told her to send the letter airmail. 3. (when: intr, usually foll by of) to give an account or narration (of something): she told me her troubles. 4. (tr) to communicate by words; utter: to tell the truth. 5. (tr) to make known; disclose: to tell fortunes. 6. (often foll by: of) to serve as an indication: her blush told of her embarrassment. 7. (tr; used with can, etc; may take a clause as object) to comprehend, discover, or discern: I can tell what is wrong. 8. (tr; used with can, etc) to distinguish or discriminate: he couldn't tell chalk from cheese. 9. (intr) to have or produce an impact, effect, or strain: every step told on his bruised feet. 10. informal (sometimes foll by: on) to reveal secrets or gossip (about): don't tell!; she told on him. 11. (tr) to assure: I tell you, I've had enough!. 12. (tr) to count (votes)13. (intr) dialect to talk or chatter14. informal chiefly US to tell the truth no matter how unpleasant it is15. tell the time to read the time from a clock16. you're telling me slang I know that very well[Old English tellan; related to Old Saxon tellian, Old High German zellen to tell, count, Old Norse telja] (tɛl) n (Human Geography) a large mound resulting from the accumulation of rubbish on a long-settled site, esp one with mudbrick buildings, particularly in the Middle East (tɛl) n (Biography) William, German name Wilhelm Tell. a legendary Swiss patriot, who, traditionally, lived in the early 14th century and was compelled by an Austrian governor to shoot an apple from his son's head with one shot of his crossbow. He did so without mishapCollins English Dictionary – Complete and Unabridged, 12th Edition 2014 © HarperCollins Publishers 1991, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2014 (tɛl) v. told, tell•ing. v.t. 1. to narrate or relate (a story, tale, etc.). 2. to make known (a fact, news, information, etc.); communicate. 3. to announce or proclaim. 4. to utter (the truth, a lie, etc.); speak. 5. to express in words (thoughts, feelings, etc.). 6. to reveal or divulge (something secret or private). 7. to say positively: I can't tell just when I'll be done. 8. to discern or recognize; identify: to tell twins apart. 9. to inform (a person) of something: He told me his name. 10. to order or command: Tell her to stop. v.i. 12. to give an account or report. 13. to give evidence; be an indication. 14. to disclose something secret or private: Will you hate me if I tell? 15. to say positively; determine or predict: It may be the same shade, but I can't tell. 16. to produce a marked effect. 17. tell off, to rebuke severely; scold. 18. tell on, to tattle on. Idioms: tell it like it is, Informal. to be blunt and forthright. [before 900; Middle English tellen, Old English tellan to relate, count, c. Old Frisian talia, tella, Old Saxon tellian, Old High German zellen, Old Norse telja; akin to tale] tell2 (tɛl) n. an artificial mound consisting of the accumulated remains of one or more ancient settlements (often used in Egypt and the Middle East as part of a place name). [1860–65; < Arabic tall hillock] Tell (tɛl) n. Random House Kernerman Webster's College Dictionary, © 2010 K Dictionaries Ltd. Copyright 2005, 1997, 1991 by Random House, Inc. All rights reserved. – say – tell1. 'speak'When you speak, you use your voice to produce words. The past tense of speak is spoke. The -ed participle is spoken.They spoke very enthusiastically about their trip.I've spoken to Raja and he agrees with me.2. 'say'Don't use 'speak' to report what someone says. Don't say, for example, 'He spoke that the doctor had arrived'. Say 'He said that the doctor had arrived'.I said that I would like to teach English.He said it was an accident.3. 'tell'If you mention the person who is being spoken to as well as what was said, use tell.He told me that he was a farmer.I told her what the doctor had said.4. 'talk'Tell is a common verb which is used in several different ways. Its past form and -ed participle is told.1. informationIf someone tells you something, they give you some information. You usually refer to this information by using a that-clause or a wh-clause.Tell Dad the electrician has come.I told her what the doctor had said.You can sometimes refer to the information that is given by using a noun phrase as the direct object of tell. When the direct object is not a pronoun, you put the indirect object first.I never told her a thing.When the direct object is a pronoun, you usually put it first. You put to in front of the indirect object.I've never told this to anyone else in my whole life.When you are referring back to information that has already been mentioned, you use so after tell. For example, you say 'I didn't agree with him and I told him so'. Don't say 'I didn't agree with him and I told him it'.She knows that I might be late. I have told her so.'Then how do you know she's well?' – 'She told me so.'2. stories, jokes, liesYou say that someone tells a story or a joke.She told me the story of her life.He's extremely funny when he tells a joke.You can also say that someone makes or cracks a joke.You say that someone tells a lie.If someone is not lying, you say that they are telling the truth.We knew that he was telling the truth.I wondered why I hadn't told Mary the truth.When you use tell to talk about stories, jokes, or lies, the indirect object can go either after the direct object or in front of it.His friend told me this story.Many hours had passed when Karen finished telling her story to Kim.3. ordersIf you tell someone to do something, you order or instruct them to do it. When tell has this meaning, it is followed by an object and a to-infinitive.Tell Martha to come to my office.They told us to put on our seat-belts.Be Careful!Don't use tell like this without an object. Don't say, for example, 'They told to put on our seat-belts'.4. recognizing the truthIf you can tell what is happening or what is true, you are able to judge correctly what is happening or what is true.I can usually tell when someone's lying to me.I couldn't tell what they were thinking.When tell has this meaning, you usually use can, could, or be able to with it.5. 'inform'Inform means the same as tell, but it is more formal, and is used in slightly different ways. You can inform someone of something, or inform someone that something is the case.The public is informed of the financial benefits that are available.It was his duty to inform the king that his country was in danger.In conversation and in less formal writing, you usually use tell.Collins COBUILD English Usage © HarperCollins Publishers 1992, 2004, 2011, 2012Past participle: toldGerund: tellingImperativePresentPreteritePresent ContinuousPresent PerfectPast ContinuousPast PerfectFutureFuture PerfectFuture ContinuousPresent Perfect ContinuousFuture Perfect ContinuousPast PerfectPast ContinuousConditionalPast ConditionalCollins English Verb Tables © HarperCollins Publishers 2011 Noun1.Tell - a Swiss patriot who lived in the early 14th century and who was renowned for his skill as an archer; according to legend an Austrian governor compelled him to shoot an apple from his son's head with his crossbow (which he did successfully without mishap)Verb1.tell - express in words; "He said that he wanted to marry her"; "tell me what is bothering you"; "state your opinion"; "state your name"present, lay out, represent - bring forward and present to the mind; "We presented the arguments to him"; "We cannot represent this knowledge to our formal reason"misstate - state something incorrectly; "You misstated my position"answer, reply, respond - react verbally; "She didn't want to answer"; "answer the question"; "We answered that we would accept the invitation"preface, premise, precede, introduce - furnish with a preface or introduction; "She always precedes her lectures with a joke"; "He prefaced his lecture with a critical remark about the institution"announce, declare - announce publicly or officially; "The President declared war"enunciate, vocalise, vocalize, articulate - express or state clearlysay - state as one's opinion or judgement; declare; "I say let's forget this whole business"get out - express with difficulty; "I managed to get out a few words"declare - state emphatically and authoritatively; "He declared that he needed more money to carry out the task he was charged with"declare - make a declaration (of dutiable goods) to a customs official; "Do you have anything to declare?"note, remark, mention, observe - make mention of; "She observed that his presentation took up too much time"; "They noted that it was a fine day to go sailing"add, append, supply - state or say further; "`It doesn't matter,' he supplied"explain - define; "The committee explained their plan for fund-raising to the Dean"give - convey or reveal information; "Give one's name"2.tell - let something be known; "Tell them that you will be late"digress, divagate, stray, wander - lose clarity or turn aside especially from the main subject of attention or course of argument in writing, thinking, or speaking; "She always digresses when telling a story"; "her mind wanders"; "Don't digress when you give a lecture"inform - impart knowledge of some fact, state or affairs, or event to; "I informed him of his rights"bespeak, betoken, indicate, signal, point - be a signal for or a symptom of; "These symptoms indicate a serious illness"; "Her behavior points to a severe neurosis"; "The economic indicators signal that the euro is undervalued"disclose, let on, divulge, expose, give away, let out, reveal, unwrap, discover, bring out, break - make known to the public information that was previously known only to a few people or that was meant to be kept a secret; "The auction house would not disclose the price at which the van Gogh had sold"; "The actress won't reveal how old she is"; "bring out the truth"; "he broke the news to her"; "unwrap the evidence in the murder case"talk, spill - reveal information; "If you don't oblige me, I'll talk!"; "The former employee spilled all the details"propagandise, propagandize - subject to propagandaannunciate, foretell, harbinger, herald, announce - foreshadow or presageimpart, pass on, give, leave - transmit (knowledge or skills); "give a secret to the Russians"; "leave your name and address here"; "impart a new skill to the students"brush down, tell off - reprimand; "She told the misbehaving student off"3.tell - narrate or give a detailed account of; "Tell what happened"; "The father told a story to his child"inform - impart knowledge of some fact, state or affairs, or event to; "I informed him of his rights"relate - give an account of; "The witness related the events"crack - tell spontaneously; "crack a joke"yarn - tell or spin a yarnrhapsodise, rhapsodize - recite a rhapsody4.tell - give instructions to or direct somebody to do something with authority; "I said to him to go home"; "She ordered him to do the shopping"; "The mother told the child to get dressed"direct - command with authority; "He directed the children to do their homework"instruct - give instructions or directions for some task; "She instructed the students to work on their pronunciation"command, require - make someone do somethingrequest - ask (a person) to do something; "She asked him to be here at noon"; "I requested that she type the entire manuscript"send for, call - order, request, or command to come; "She was called into the director's office"; "Call the police!"warn - ask to go away; "The old man warned the children off his property"5.tell - discern or comprehend; "He could tell that she was unhappy"guess, infer - guess correctly; solve by guessing; "He guessed the right number of beans in the jar and won the prize"6.tell - inform positively and with certainty and confidence; "I tell you that man is a crook!"7.tell - give evidence; "he was telling on all his former colleague"inform - act as an informer; "She had informed on her own parents for years"8.tell - mark as different; "We distinguish several kinds of maple"know - be able to distinguish, recognize as being different; "The child knows right from wrong"identify, place - recognize as being; establish the identity of someone or something; "She identified the man on the 'wanted' poster"discriminate, know apart - recognize or perceive the differencelabel - distinguish (an element or atom) by using a radioactive isotope or an isotope of unusual mass for tracing through chemical reactionslabel - distinguish (as a compound or molecule) by introducing a labeled atomcontrast - put in opposition to show or emphasize differences; "The middle school teacher contrasted her best student's work with that of her weakest student"severalise, severalize - distinguish or separatecontradistinguish - distinguish by contrasting qualitiesdecouple, dissociate - regard as unconnected; "you must dissociate these two events!"; "decouple our foreign policy from ideology"demarcate - separate clearly, as if by boundariesstratify - divide society into social classes or castes; "Income distribution often stratifies a society"Based on WordNet 3.0, Farlex clipart collection. © 2003-2012 Princeton University, Farlex Inc.verb1. inform, notify, make aware, say to, state to, warn, reveal to, express to, brief, advise, disclose to, proclaim to, fill in, speak about to, confess to, impart, alert to, divulge, announce to, acquaint with, communicate to, mention to, make known to, apprise, utter to, get off your chest (informal), let know I called her to tell her how spectacular it looked.tell someone off reprimand, rebuke, scold, lecture, carpet (informal), censure, reproach, berate, chide, tear into (informal), read the riot act, reprove, upbraid, take someone to task, tick someone off (informal), bawl someone out (informal), chew someone out (U.S. & Canad. informal), tear someone off a strip (Brit. informal), give someone a piece of your mind, haul someone over the coals (informal), give someone a rocket (Brit. & N.Z. informal) He never listened to us when we told him off.Collins Thesaurus of the English Language – Complete and Unabridged 2nd Edition. 2002 © HarperCollins Publishers 1995, 2002verb2. To put into words:articulate, communicate, convey, declare, express, say, state, talk, utter, vent, verbalize, vocalize, voice.4. To disclose in a breach of confidence:betray, blab, divulge, expose, give away, let out, reveal, unveil.Idioms: let slip, let the cat out of the bag, spill the beans, tell all.6. To give orders to:bid, charge, command, direct, enjoin, instruct, order.phrasal verbtell off The American Heritage® Roget's Thesaurus. Copyright © 2013, 2014 by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company. All rights reserved. نَصَّطَلَّب، بأمر، بأمر، تَطَلَّب، كَسَّر، تَكْشِف، تَعْرِف، تَأْمُرُ، يُخْبِرُ، يَعْرِفُ، يُخْبِرُ، يَأْمُرُ، يَعْرِفُ، يَعْرِفُ، يَأْمُرُ، يُخْبِر