

## PRACTICAL ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONALS

### LESSON 29

#### SAY, SPEAK, TALK, TELL

Write 'SAY', 'SPEAK', 'TALK' or 'TELL' in the gaps in the following sentences. Remember that you may have to change the form of the verb:

1. Ladies and gentlemen, I'd just like to \_\_\_\_\_ a few words about why we're here.
2. Our Middle East correspondent managed to \_\_\_\_\_ to/with the Israeli foreign minister and this is what he had to say about the situation.
3. His most famous quotation is, 'I can't \_\_\_\_\_ a lie'.
4. I do wish you wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ politics at the dinner table, dear.
5. By the way, Jerry \_\_\_\_\_ sorry for his behaviour last night.
6. Jessica's learning to \_\_\_\_\_ the time this week at primary school.
7. Brian, you try and \_\_\_\_\_ some sense into him. I can't.
8. I'll start adding milk and you \_\_\_\_\_ when, OK?
9. Could you \_\_\_\_\_ the kids a bedtime story? I'm too tired.
10. How long have you been learning to \_\_\_\_\_ German?
11. I hope you \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about what happened.
12. We've come to \_\_\_\_\_ goodbye. It was really nice to meet you both.
13. Our art teacher \_\_\_\_\_ such nonsense all the time!
14. I think you \_\_\_\_\_ too soon; we may not be able to go on holiday after all.
15. Look, I came here to \_\_\_\_\_ business not to hear about your personal problems.
16. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ the difference between a crocodile and an alligator?
17. Hey there, Jenny. What was it you wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ about earlier?
18. Mikey, stop \_\_\_\_\_ tales!
19. Come on, Philip, \_\_\_\_\_ your mind. You can be frank with us.
20. Just \_\_\_\_\_ no to drugs.