

# Decir with indirect object pronouns

## I told [to] someone that...



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*Decir* is commonly used in the expression 'I, she, he, etc. told [to] someone that ...'

Use the indirect object in front of *decir* indicating to whom you told. Use the clarifier after *decir* for the *le* and *les* form. Your "bridge" between the two clauses is: *que = that*. Then make your next sentence.

I told [to] him that I saw it.

**Le dije a él que lo vi.**

He told [to] them that he saw it.

**Él les dijo a ellos que lo vio.**



If there is no change of subject, clarify the subject only in the first clause.  
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1. I told Juan that I went last night. \_\_\_\_\_
2. I told them (*m*) that we heard the news. \_\_\_\_\_ las noticias
3. You (*tú*) told me that you met Carlos last year. \_\_\_\_\_
4. You (*tú*) told her that we signed the contract. \_\_\_\_\_
5. You (*Ud.*) told us that you sent the package. \_\_\_\_\_
6. You (*Ud.*) told him that you wrote the article. \_\_\_\_\_ el artículo
7. He told me that he drove his car. \_\_\_\_\_
8. She told Luis that she found out yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
9. We told them (*m*) that we couldn't work this morning. \_\_\_\_\_
10. We told you (*tú*) that he helped us. \_\_\_\_\_
11. You all told me that he finished an hour ago. \_\_\_\_\_
12. You all told us that you all already ordered. \_\_\_\_\_
13. He told them (*f*) that he lost it. \_\_\_\_\_
14. They (*m*) told me that they fixed the stove. \_\_\_\_\_ la estufa
15. I told you (*tú*) that I took money out of the account. \_\_\_\_\_ la cuenta
16. You (*tú*) told me that you didn't cook anything. \_\_\_\_\_
17. María told them (*m*) that she decided to go. \_\_\_\_\_
18. They (*m*) told the teacher (*m*) that they didn't go. \_\_\_\_\_
19. You all told us that you all received the letter. \_\_\_\_\_
20. I told her that I removed the stain. \_\_\_\_\_ la mancha



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As a spoken exercise, translate from English to Spanish, then from Spanish to English.

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| 1. Le dije a Juan que fui anoche.                           | 1. I told Juan that I went last night.                                   |
| 2. Les dije a ellos que oímos las noticias.                 | 2. I told them ( <i>m</i> ) that we heard the news.                      |
| 3. Me dijiste que conociste a Carlos el año pasado.         | 3. You ( <i>tú</i> ) told me that you met Carlos last year.              |
| 4. Le dijiste a ella que firmamos el contrato.              | 4. You ( <i>tú</i> ) told her that we signed the contract.               |
| 5. Ud. nos dijo que mandó el paquete.                       | 5. You ( <i>Ud.</i> ) told us that you sent the package.                 |
| 6. Ud. le dijo a él que escribió el artículo.               | 6. You ( <i>Ud.</i> ) told him that you wrote the article.               |
| 7. Él me dijo que manejó su coche.                          | 7. He told me that he drove his car.                                     |
| 8. Ella le dijo a Luis que supo ayer.                       | 8. She told Luis that she found out yesterday.                           |
| 9. Les dijimos a ellos que no pudimos trabajar esta mañana. | 9. We told them ( <i>m</i> ) that we couldn't work this morning.         |
| 10. Te dijimos que él nos ayudó.                            | 10. We told you ( <i>tú</i> ) that he helped us.                         |
| 11. Uds. me dijeron que él terminó hace una hora.           | 11. You all told me that he finished an hour ago.                        |
| 12. Uds. nos dijeron que ya ordenaron.                      | 12. You all told us that you all already ordered.                        |
| 13. Él les dijo a ellas que lo perdió.                      | 13. He told them ( <i>f</i> ) that he lost it.                           |
| 14. Ellos me dijeron que arreglaron la estufa.              | 14. They ( <i>m</i> ) told me that they fixed the stove.                 |
| 15. Te dije que saqué dinero de la cuenta.                  | 15. I told you ( <i>tú</i> ) that I took money out of the account.       |
| 16. Me dijiste que no cocinaste nada.                       | 16. You ( <i>tú</i> ) told me you didn't cook anything.                  |
| 17. María les dijo a ellos que decidió ir.                  | 17. Maria told them ( <i>m</i> ) that she decided to go.                 |
| 18. Ellos le dijeron al maestro que no fueron.              | 18. They ( <i>m</i> ) told the teacher ( <i>m</i> ) that they didn't go. |
| 19. Uds. nos dijeron que recibieron la carta.               | 19. You all told us that you all received the letter.                    |
| 20. Le dije a ella que quité la mancha.                     | 20. I told her that I removed the stain.                                 |