

Tóm lược (Summary)

Anna wants to get Pete a gift for his birthday. So, she visits a store called Tanglewood Works and tries to learn the difference between **trash** and **treasure**...

Anna muốn chuẩn bị một món quà cho sinh nhật của Pete. Vì vậy cô đã tới một cửa hàng có tên Tanglewood Works và cố tìm hiểu sự khác biệt giữa 'rác' và 'kho báu.'

Hội thoại (Conversation)

Anna: (*on phone, to Pete*) Got it. Pete, I promise. I won't tell anyone. (*to herself*) Bye. He is so **strange**.

Ashley: Hey, Anna!

Anna: Hi, Ashley!

Ashley: Are you talking to yourself again?

Anna: No, not this time. I was talking to Pete.

Ashley: How's he doing?

Anna: Good. He has a birthday coming up! But he told me not to tell anyone.

Ashley: Why?

Anna: Well, from the way he was speaking, I don't think he likes **cake** or **presents** or fun.

Ashley: That sounds like Pete.

Anna: Well, I don't care. I'm getting him a present. Do you know where I can buy something **unique**?

Ashley: I do -- Tanglewood Works. You will **definitely** find something unique there.

Anna: Great. I'll go this weekend. Now, speaking of Pete's birthday, what else should I do? I know. I'll rent him a clown!

Ashley: Yeah, he'll never speak to you again.

Professor Bot: Did you hear Ashley and Anna using the words talk and speak?

Talk and speak both mean "to say words." And, many times, you can use either word without losing any meaning. But there are some differences in when we use these words.

The word talk is usually used:

- for conversations between two or more people
- and informal situations, such as between friends or family

For example, Ashley asks Anna: "Are you talking to yourself again?"

Speak is usually used:

- for one-way communication, such as **presentations**
- formal **situations**, such as a boss speaking with her workers
- to talk about language **ability**
- and in **polite requests**

Keep watching, and listen for the words talk and speak.

(Anna goes to Tanglewood Works.)

Sue: Hey there. Welcome to Tanglewood Works! I'm Sue. How can I help you today?

Anna: Hi Sue, I'm Anna. A friend told me about your store. She said, "Anna, this place is really unique!"

Sue: We are! Here at Tanglewood Works, we **focus** on things that are **handmade**, **reclaimed** and **recycled**.

Anna: Wow! That is really good for the **environment**.

Sue: It's good for you too. **Local** artists made all of these **one-of-a-kind** pieces. And I paint most of the **furniture**.

Anna: Can I look around?

Sue: Oh, please do.

(Anna walks around the store.)

Sue: So, Anna, do you like to make things?

Anna: Me? Oh, no. Every time I try to make something, something goes wrong.

(She knocks down many things.)

Anna: Oh, sorry. Sorry.

Sue: It's okay. Anna, everybody can make something.

Anna: Sue, this piece is very interesting!

Sue: You know, when I found these pieces, they were broken and in a **dumpster**. But they spoke to me. And they said, “Save me, Sue! Save me!”

Anna: Sue, what do you mean they “spoke” to you?

Sue: When I see something special that someone has thrown away, I can almost hear it talk.

Anna: It’s not saying anything!

Sue: Anna, it’s not easy to see the **treasure** in **trash**.

Anna: Or hear it talk.

Sue: But you can learn. In fact, I teach **private** classes. And one is called Turning Trash to Treasure.

Sue: Next week, bring in some trash and we’ll turn it into treasure. Just remember – pick some trash that “speaks” to you.

Anna: Got it! I’ll see you next week!

Professor Bot: Will Anna find trash that “speaks” to her? What will it say? We’ll find out next week!



Anna tries to find trash that "speaks" to her.

Từ ngữ mới (New Words)

ability - *n.* the power or skill of doing something

cake - *n.* a sweet baked food made from a mixture of flour, sugar, and other ingredients (such as eggs and butter)

communication - *n.* the act or process of using words to express your ideas, thoughts, feelings,

conversation - *n.* an informal talk involving two people or a small group of people

definitely - *adv.* in a way that is certain or clear

dumpster - *n.* a large trash container

furniture - *n.* chairs, tables, beds, et cetera that are used to make a room ready for use

focus - *v.* to direct your attention or effort at something specific

handmade - *adj.* made with your hands or by using hand tools

environment - *n.* the natural world

local - *adj.* located or living nearby

one-of-a-kind - *adj.* used to say that something is the only one of its kind

polite – *adj.* having or showing good manners or respect for other people

present – *n.* gift

presentation – *n.* an activity in which someone shows, describes, or explains something to a group of people

private – *adj.* for the use of a single person or group

reclaimed – *adj.* describes getting (a usable thing) from materials that have been used before

recycled – *adj.* describes something new that was made from something used before

request – *n.* an act of politely or formally asking for something

situation – *n.* the facts, conditions and events that affect someone or something at a particular time and in a particular place

strange – *adj.* different from what is usual, normal, or expected

trash – *n.* things that are no longer useful or wanted and that have been thrown away

treasure – *n.* something that is very special, important or valuable

unique – *adj.* used to say that something or someone is unlike anything or anyone else

Practice (Thực hành)

Now, you try it!

First, read more about *talk* and *speak* below. Then, practice using those words in the Comments section. Try making one sentence with ***talk*** and one with ***speak***.

You can write about:

- a conversation with a friend
- a conversation with a group
- someone's language skills
- a professor at a national event

- a manager and his/her workers
- or anything else you choose

In each sentence, be sure to use the correct word: *talk* or *speak*!

So sánh giữa Talk và Speak (Talk | Speak)

Talk and *speak* both mean “to say words.” But there are some differences in the ways we use each word.

Talk is less formal than ***speak***. It is usually used for informal conversations between two or more people.

- He wants to **talk** to you.
- They **talked** for three hours.
- Let’s **talk** about ideas for the show.
- I can’t **talk** right now. I’ll call you later.

Speak is usually used for communication in more serious or formal situations. It is also used in polite requests and to talk about language ability.

- She **spoke** on the news about world hunger.
- May I **speak** to the manager?
- Which languages do you **speak**?
- I **speak** French and Haitian Creole.

Tự kiểm tra (Test Yourself)

Test yourself on what you've learned so far!

Lesson 21 has grammar from many lessons in Level 2. See how much you can find! Look for sentences in Lesson 21 with:

- Indirect questions
- Reported speech
- Reflexive pronouns
- Adverb clauses
- Present perfect
- Prepositions

Then, write those sentences in the Comments section. For example:

Sue says, “You know, when I found these pieces, they were broken and in a dumpster.” (Adverb clause: “when I found these pieces”)