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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Advanced Exercise 1

| No | word/phrase | meaning |
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| 1 | replied | Answer back. Usually used after a question has been asked |
| 2 | cautioned | Warned |
| 3 | blurted | They say it suddenly, after trying hard to keep quiet or to keep it secret. |
| 4 | spat | To say something scornfully |
| 5 | agreed | See eye to eye |



Advanced Exercise 1

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| spat | replied | blurted |
| agreed | cautioned | |

1. "H-h-he did it!" Jacklyn _____ out. Her face turned a deep crimson upon realizing that she had betrayed her best friend.
2. "Be quiet! Or I'll smack you!" _____ the furious witch, baring her yellowed teeth like an angry animal.
3. "If you vandalize library books again, I won't go easy on you. Instead, I will slap a hefty fine onto you!" _____ the librarian sternly, pushing her thick-rimmed spectacles up her nose.
4. "You are absolutely correct! He should be punished!" _____ all the teachers unanimously.
5. "I was at school," she _____ to her mother's question in an annoyed tone.



Advanced Exercise 2

| No | word/phrase | meaning |
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| 1 | countered | "To speak up in opposition ," like when you disagree with your opponent in a debate and present opposite ideas. |
| 2 | stammered | To make involuntary stops and repetitions in speaking |
| 3 | suggested | Offer someone an idea |
| 4 | gushed | To make an excessive display of sentiment or enthusiasm |
| 5 | explained | Make (an idea or situation) clear to someone by describing it in more detail |



Advanced Exercise 2

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| stammered | countered | gushed |
| explained | suggested | |

1. "G-g-good morning!" Pearl _____ while clutching onto the microphone tightly, unable to hide her anxiety upon seeing the sea of faces.
2. "Why don't we report this to the teacher?" Paul _____, hoping it would help his distraught classmate find his wallet.
3. "I didn't break it on purpose. I slipped on a puddle and accidentally knocked the sculpture off the mantel. That's how it happened!" _____ a tearful Sally.
4. "You are wrong! I am not a lazy person! Who do you think cleaned the kitchen the last two times? Me!" _____ Jack back to his sister as if he was presenting a case in court.
5. "What a cute baby!" Aunt May _____ all over the baby in the highest pitch imaginable.



Advanced Exercise 3

| No | word/phrase | meaning |
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| 1 | babbled | To speak quickly in a way that is difficult to understand, sounds silly or nonsensical |
| 2 | squealed | A somewhat prolonged, sharp, shrill cry, as of pain, fear, or surprise |
| 3 | reassured | Make someone feel less worried about something by assuring a few more times to remove any doubt |
| 4 | consoled | Comfort someone who is sad, grieving or disappointed |
| 5 | commanded | To give a forceful or authoritative order to do something |



Advanced Exercise 3

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| commanded | reassured | squealed |
| babbled | consoled | |

1. "Two straight lines! Now!" _____ the discipline mistress with a stern voice. Within seconds, the students complied in order not to earn the wrath of Miss. Trunchbull.
2. "Sign on the dotted line. Trust me. It's legal," _____ the crook, flashing a sly smile.
3. "I'll buy you another ice cream cone," my mother _____ my bawling sister who lost her beloved chocolate chip ice cream to the cruel pavement.
4. "I found it!" she _____ in excitement upon finding her missing wallet.
5. Panicking, she _____, "What time is 4pm?"



Advanced Exercise 4

| No | word/phrase | meaning |
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| 1 | hinted | Indirect way of telling someone you want something |
| 2 | hollered | Give a loud shout or cry |
| 3 | quipped | Make a humorous, clever or witty remark |
| 4 | ranted | Talk and complain in a loud angry way |
| 5 | recalled | Remember |



Advanced Exercise 4

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| ranted | hinted | hollered |
| recalled | quipped | |

1. "I love those mustard stains on your oversized hoodie. They really bring out the color in your eyes," _____ my sister at me when I squirted mustard all over me.
2. Scratching her wrinkly chin, she finally _____, "I think his name is Matthew."
3. "I'd really like something sweet, creamy and icy cold!" my sister _____ at my mother to reward her with ice cream.
4. "Get over here!" she _____ out so loudly that the echo of her voice bounced off the walls.
5. "I am sick and tired of waiting here! It's been way too long!" she _____, stomping her feet on the pavement like an angry bull.

