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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Expert Exercise 1

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	acknowledged	Recognize the existence of something
2	confessed	Admit
3	angled	Present information to reflect a particular view
4	blustered	Talk in a aggressive or threatening way but without authority
5	bemoaned	Lament/ show grief or dissatisfaction



Expert Exercise 1

angled	acknowledged	bemoaned
confessed	blustered	

1. With lowered eyes, she finally _____, "I am the one who stole the wallet."
2. "I see you finally made it to class!" my teacher _____ my presence much to my embarrassment as I slinked to the back of the classroom.
3. "I'm going to complain to your manager and get you fired!" _____ Karen away at the poor, helpless cashier.
4. "I still cannot believe they let the vandal off the hook!" _____ the old man, throwing his hands up in frustration.
5. "What makes you think Alice is an angel?" Janet _____ at the possibility that my best friend could be a thief. My mind reeled from the thought of Alice stealing from me.



Expert Exercise 2

word/phrase	meaning
nagged	Irritate someone with constant scolding into doing something they don't want to
howled	Cry out loudly in pain or agony
denied	Refuse to admit
insisted	Be stubborn or demand something forcefully
interrupted	Disturb someone's speech by talking before they have completed what they needed to say



Expert Exercise 2

interrupted	denied	insisted
howled	nagged	

1. "No! I did not steal anything!" she _____ once again, despite being caught red handed by the security guard.
2. "Go and clean your room!" _____ my mother for the umpteenth time to my irritation when all I wanted was to kick back and watch television.
3. "Ouch!" she _____ in agony, hopping on one leg after being attacked by a Lego brick on the floor.
4. "I don't care if you ran out of ice. I want iced coffee!" _____ Karen, refusing to leave the restaurant.
5. "And I'm not?" _____ Alice curtly stopping my explanation halfway, not giving me a chance to redeem myself.



Expert Exercise 3

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	offered	Suggest or put forward an idea
2	ruminated	Dwell on a matter over and over
3	snickered	Laugh quietly in a disrespectful way
4	swore	Promise with sincerity
5	admonish	Caution



Expert Exercise 3

admonished	offered	swore
ruminated	snickered	

1. "I can lend you a hand with that if you'd like?" _____ Sam, extending his hand.
2. "I promise! I did not touch the cookies!" _____ my sister fervently as if she was taking an oath in court.
3. "If you come late again, you'll win a trip to detention!" _____ my teacher, sarcasm dripping from her lips.
4. "What a klutz!" they _____ cruelly at her attempt to roller-skate.
5. "I still don't know if I should tell him or not?" _____ Sally loudly for the umpteenth time.



Expert Exercise 4

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	croaked	Utter in a low, rough or hoarse voice
2	faltered	Speak hesitantly / stammer/ stutter
3	wailed	High pitched cry of pain, anger or grief
4	drawled	To speak in a slow, lazy way with prolonged vowel sounds
5	reiterated	You say it again, usually in order to emphasize it.



Expert Exercise 4

faltered	drawled	croaked
wailed	reiterated	

1. Feeling parched, he _____ hoarsely, "I need water!"
2. "'A-Adam?' he _____ for a moment in the darkness.
3. Hair all over her face, the distressed woman _____ out loudly, "Someone please save my child!"
4. "Failures are guidelines. Not stop signs!" Yvonne _____ the statement one more time to let her point sink in the minds of her students.
5. Eyelids heavy as lead, Emily struggled to stay awake even when the teacher called her. Instead of answering her teacher's question, she lazily _____, "Good night!" before crashing onto the desk.

