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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Master Exercise 1

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	sneered	Speak in a mocking manner
2	frowned	Express disapproval, displeasure or concentration
3	yelped	High pitched cry of pain
4	sobbed	Cry noisily while making loud convulsive gasps
5	sighed	Let out an audible breath to express sadness, relief or tiredness



Master Exercise 1

sobbed	sneered	yelped
frowned	sighed	

1. Tears rolling down her cheeks, Janice _____, "I can't believe he would do that!"
2. "'I am glad that ordeal is finally over!' Adam _____ while plopping himself onto the couch.
3. "Ouch! That hurts!" _____ Freddie rubbing the sore spot the nurse had just injected.
4. Curling his lip evilly, Garfield _____, "Hand me your pocket money!"
5. Furrowing her eyebrows, Leena _____, "Please, let me concentrate on this!"



Master Exercise 2

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	sniffled	Sniff repeatedly due to a cold or a fit of crying
2	scoffed	Speak scornfully or in a mocking manner
3	mumbled	Say something so quietly that people can't hear you
4	glowered	Express anger or annoyance
5	cheered	Shout for joy in praise or encouragement



Master Exercise 2

mumbled	scoffed	glowered
sniffled	cheered	

1. "I suggest you shut up!" Ashley _____ angrily, staring daggers at me.
2. "I forgot to do my homework," Leena _____ so inaudibly that the teacher had a hard time hearing her.
3. "The prince will never pick you, Cinderella!" _____ the step sisters cruelly, letting out hoots of laughter.
4. "I wish I had listened to you!" Candice _____, reaching for another piece of tissue.
5. "You can do it!" my parents _____ encouragingly from the aisles.



Master Exercise 3

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	snarled	Express anger, like an angry dog, baring your teeth.
2	squeaked	Short high pitched cry to express fear
3	joked	Say something to express humour
4	sang	Make musical sounds with your voice to express joy
5	whispered	Talk very quietly so no one would hear you



Master Exercise 3

squeaked	sang	snarled
whispered	joked	

1. "I found you in a garbage bin!" my father _____, laughing hysterically at me. I am beginning to believe that may be true as I genetically did not inherit such a poor sense of humour.
2. "How are you doing today?" The doctor _____ that sentence out in perfect pitch.
3. "You scared me!" my mother _____ like a mouse, almost jumping out of her skin!
4. "Give me all your money!" the robber _____ baring his menacing yellow set of teeth.
5. "Be very quiet or they'll hear us!" Berry _____, pressing a finger against his lips.



Master Exercise 4

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	grinned	Express happiness with a big smile
2	begged	Plead with someone
3	screamed	Express fear by letting out a long, loud piercing cry
4	demanded	Ask authoritatively
5	snapped	Say something suddenly and sharply to express annoyance or anger



Master Exercise 4

grinned	begged	screamed
snapped	demanded	

1. "Show me your identity card!" the policeman _____ and I had no choice but to comply.
2. "Get the cockroach out of my hair" Mary _____ so loud that it woke the entire neighbourhood.
3. "Enough! Go to bed!" Mother _____ irritably at the two unruly children.
4. "Please don't hurt me!" _____ the poor boy, cowering in the corner.
5. "All this ice cream for me?" _____ Garfield with a big smile spread across his chubby face.

