

PRACTICE

I. Complete the student's essay by writing the correct word in each blank.

Once when I was a teenager, I went to my Aunt Leah's house. Aunt Leah collected pottery, and as soon as I got there, she _____ (said/told) me she _____ (wants/wanted) to show me _____ (my/her) new bowl. She _____ (said/told) she _____ (has/had) just bought it. It was beautiful, and after I heard the price, I knew why.

When Aunt Leah went to answer the door, I picked up the bowl. It slipped from my hands and smashed to pieces on the floor. As Aunt Leah walked back into the room, I screamed and _____ (said/told) her that the cat had just broken _____ (her/your) new bowl. Aunt Leah got this funny look on her face and _____ (said/told) me that it _____ (isn't/wasn't) important.

I didn't sleep at all that night, and the next morning, I called my aunt and _____ (said/told) her that I had broken _____ (her/your) bowl. She said _____ (I/she) had known that all along. We still laugh about the story today.