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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Intermediate Exercise 1

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	answered	Reply
2	yelled	Shout
3	comforted	Assured
4	apologised	Say sorry
5	teased	Make fun or joke



Intermediate Exercise 1

comforted

answered

yelled

apologised

teased

1. "You look like something the cat brought in!" _____ my brother, stripping me off whatever confidence I had mustered up before leaving for the prom.
2. "Don't cry! We will get you another one!" _____ my mother, wiping the tears off my cheeks.
3. "It's me," _____ a hoarse voice from the other end of the line.
4. "I'm so sorry!" she _____ profusely upon realizing she had spilled her coffee all over me.
5. "Help me!" she _____ helplessly as she sank into the muddy river.



Intermediate Exercise 2

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	scolded	Reprimanded
2	request	Ask
3	argued	Quarrel
4	barked	Utter a command abruptly or aggressively
5	bellowed	Shout something with a deep loud roar



Intermediate Exercise 2

argued

bellowing

barked

scolded

requested

1. "May I borrow this?" Sally _____ politely while eyeing my brand new stapler.

2. "No! This is not what I ordered. I demand a refund!" _____ Tim with the waiter. The bickering between them was going out of hand.

3. "How can you forget to do your homework again?" Miss Honey _____ Lavender profusely.

4. "Two lines! Now!" the discipline mistress _____ her orders, sending the students into a frenzy.

5. "Fee, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of an Englishman!" the giant went on _____, making all the walls tremble from the power of his voice.



Intermediate Exercise 3

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	bragged	Boast
2	admitted	Confess
3	complained	Grumble your dissatisfaction about something
4	questioned	Clear a doubt or ask about something
5	giggled	Laugh lightly in a silly way



Intermediate Exercise 3

questioned

complained

giggled

admitted

bragged

1. "Where have you been all this while?" _____ my mother like she was interrogating a criminal.

2. "This cost an arm and leg!" _____ Sally, proud as a peacock with her chin mightily up in the air.

3. "Another mountain of homework again?" _____ Lavender and promptly started her session of whining.

4. "Quick! He's coming! Haha!" the playful girls _____ away after setting up the prank.

5. "It's me who took the \$10," I _____ to the offence, hanging my head in shame. I wished I could sink right through the floor.



Intermediate Exercise 4

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	warned	Caution or urge someone to be careful
2	wondered	Feel curious about something
3	told	Say or inform
4	stuttered	Repeating words over and over or unable to speak clearly
5	screeched	Loud, harsh or piercing cry



Intermediate Exercise 4

wondered

warned

told

stuttered

screeched

1. “You better wear your seatbelt!” _____ my father. “After all, it is better to be safe than sorry!”
2. “The shop is that way,” the passerby _____ me, pointing to the right.
3. “How big is this palace?” Alice _____ aloud disrupting her companion’s thoughts.
4. “Q-q-quick! T-t-his way!” _____ Tom, his speech impediment worsening with his anxiety.
5. “Ahhhhh! Help!” _____ Allison flailing her arms wildly while running away from the rat *who* was equally as frightened as her.

