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LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grandmaster Exercise 1

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	whined	Complaining cry
2	guffaw	To laugh loudly, especially at something stupid that someone has said or done
3	hissed	Express disapproval or anger like a snake
4	thundered	Loud and angrily
5	bawled	Cry noisily like a baby



Grandmaster Exercise 1

thundered	whined	guffawed
hissed	bawled	

1. "I want to go to the playground!" Zangief _____ loudly like a baby while throwing tantrum.
2. "Why do I always have to take out the garbage?" Ali _____ incessantly while crossing his arms in an act of defiance.
3. "You're so silly!" Sanjay _____ loudly, erupting with laughter while clutching his tummy.
4. "In a single file, now!" the discipline _____ so loudly that her voice ricocheted off the walls.
5. "I refuse to put up with your behavior!" Mother _____ impatiently, trying to contain her annoyance.



Grandmaster Exercise 2

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	fumed	To be angry over something for a period of time even though it happened some time back
2	groaned	Express pain, distress, disapproval or complain
3	beamed	Express happiness with a big smile
4	whimpered	Low feeble sounds used to express fear or pain
5	chimed	Reply to agree with someone's opinion



Grandmaster Exercise 2

beamed	fumed	groaned
chimed	whimpered	

1. "Please do not hurt me!" _____ the scrawny boy, covering his face in fear.
2. After tumbling down the stairs, Jack _____ in pain, "Ah! This hurts!"
3. Janet was not over the argument though it happened a year ago, "I'm still mad at Giselle! I am not going to let her off the hook!" Janet _____.
4. "I totally agree that Dennis is a menace!" Mrs Fern _____ in agreement with my earlier statement.
5. "That's so sweet of you!" Miss Honey _____ flashing her pearly whites at me as I handed her a present.



Grandmaster Exercise 3

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	prayed	Hope or wish for something strongly
2	marveled	Express awe or admiration
3	trembled	Express fear. The person's voice may shake out of fear
4	shrieked	Utter a high - pitch cry out of fear
5	smirked	To smile in a smug and condescending way



Grandmaster Exercise 3

marveled	prayed	trembled
shrieked	smirked	

1. "I wish that it would stop raining!" Sally _____ fervently to the pouring skies, hoping that once the rain stops, her parents would bring her swimming.
2. "Get that lizard out of my hair!" Tarah _____ so loudly that the windows threatened to shatter.
3. "Those fireworks are fascinating!" Melinda _____ in admiration as she took in the beautiful sight.
4. "I-Is h-he okay?" Glenn's voice _____ as he braced himself for the terrible news. His face was ashen and cold sweat dotted his forehead.
5. "Try me!" _____ smirked Peppa with a mischievous grin, challenging me to the contest.



Grandmaster Exercise 4

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	gulped	To make a swallowing movement because of fear, surprise or excitement
2	chortled	Laugh in a noisy, gleeful way especially when amused
3	declared	Announce something
4	rasped	If someone rasps, their voice is unpleasant to listen to. Used for negative characters mostly (villains)
5	pouted	Make 'kissy' lips in order to act cute to get something you want



Grandmaster Exercise 4

declared	gulped	chortled
rasped	pouted	

1. "Please! Let me have a sleepover with Michelle!" Sue _____ her lips and made a cute face hoping that would melt her mother's heart.
2. "From now on, you will only be allowed to wear white socks!" the principal _____ in the school assembly.
3. When the teacher demanded for his homework, Peter _____, "My dog ate it!" The adam's apple on his throat made a vigorous jump. Perspiration dotted his forehead as his eyes darted guiltily from left to right.
4. "Where do you think you're going?" the crook _____ gruffly, baring his yellowed teeth at me.
5. "That's so funny!" she _____ with glee in her eyes while watching the magician do a funny trick.

