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Advanced Exercise 1

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	**replied**	Answer back. Usually used after a question has been asked
2	**cautioned**	Warned
3	**blurted**	They say it suddenly, after trying hard to keep quiet or to keep it secret.
4	**spat**	To say something scornfully
5	**agreed**	See eye to eye

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Advanced Exercise 1

spat	replied	blurted
agreed	cautioned	

1. “H-h-he did it!” Jacklyn _____ out. Her face turned a deep crimson upon realizing that she had betrayed her best friend.

2. “Be quiet! Or I’ll smack you!” _____ the furious witch, baring her yellowed teeth like an angry animal.

3. “If you vandalize library books again, I won’t go easy on you. Instead, I will slap a hefty fine onto you!” _____ the librarian sternly, pushing her thick-rimmed spectacles up her nose.

4. “You are absolutely correct! He should be punished!” _____ all the teachers unanimously.

5. “I was at school,” she _____ to her mother’s question in an annoyed tone.

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Advanced Exercise 2

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	**countered**	"To **speak** up in **opposition**," like when you **disagree** with your opponent in a debate and present opposite ideas.
2	**stammered**	To make involuntary stops and repetitions in speaking
3	**suggested**	Offer someone an idea
4	**gushed**	To make an excessive display of sentiment or enthusiasm
5	**explained**	Make (an idea or situation) clear to someone by describing it in more detail

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Advanced Exercise 2

stammered	**countered**	**gushed**
explained	**suggested**	

1. "G-g-good morning!" Pearl _____ while clutching onto the microphone tightly, unable to hide her anxiety upon seeing the sea of faces.

2. "Why don't we report this to the teacher?" Paul _____, hoping it would help his distraught classmate find his wallet.

3. "I didn't break it on purpose. I slipped on a puddle and accidentally knocked the sculpture off the mantel. That's how it happened!" _____ a tearful Sally.

4. "You are wrong! I am not a lazy person! Who do you think cleaned the kitchen the last two times? Me!" _____ Jack back to his sister as if he was presenting a case in court.

5. "What a cute baby!" Aunt May _____ all over the baby in the highest pitch imaginable.

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Advanced Exercise 3

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	**babbled**	To speak quickly in a way that is difficult to understand, sounds silly or nonsensical
2	**squealed**	A somewhat prolonged, sharp, shrill cry, as of pain, fear, or surprise
3	**reassured**	Make someone feel less worried about something by assuring a few more times to remove any doubt
4	**consoled**	Comfort someone who is sad, grieving or disappointed
5	**commanded**	To give a forceful or authoritative order to do something

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Advanced Exercise 3

commanded	reassured	squealed
babbled	consoled	

1. “Two straight lines! Now!” _____ the discipline mistress with a stern voice. Within seconds, the students complied in order not to earn the wrath of Miss. Trunchbull.

2. “Sign on the dotted line. Trust me. It’s legal,” _____ the crook, flashing a sly smile.

3. “I’ll buy you another ice cream cone,” my mother _____ my bawling sister who lost her beloved chocolate chip ice cream to the cruel pavement.

4. “I found it!” she _____ in excitement upon finding her missing wallet.

5. Panicking, she _____, “What time is 4pm?”

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Advanced Exercise 4

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	**hinted**	Indirect way of telling someone you want something
2	**hollered**	Give a loud shout or cry
3	**quipped**	Make a humorous, clever or witty remark
4	**ranted**	Talk and complain in a loud angry way
5	**recalled**	Remember

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Advanced Exercise 4

ranted	hinted	hollered
recalled	quipped	

1. “I love those mustard stains on your oversized hoodie. They really bring out the color in your eyes,” _____ my sister at me when I squirted mustard all over me.

2. Scratching her wrinkly chin, she finally _____, “I think his name is Matthew.”

3. “I’d really like something sweet, creamy and icy cold!” my sister _____ at my mother to reward her with ice cream.

4. “Get over here!” she _____ out so loudly that the echo of her voice bounced off the walls.

5. “I am sick and tired of waiting here! It’s been way too long!” she _____, stomping her feet on the pavement like an angry bull.

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