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## Expert Exercise 1

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	<b>acknowledged</b>	Recognize the existence of something
2	<b>confessed</b>	Admit
3	<b>angled</b>	Present information to reflect a particular view
4	<b>blustered</b>	Talk in a aggressive or threatening way but without authority
5	<b>bemoaned</b>	Lament/ show grief or dissatisfaction



## Expert Exercise 1

angled	acknowledged	bemoaned
confessed	blustered	

1. With lowered eyes, she finally \_\_\_\_\_, "I am the one who stole the wallet."
2. "I see you finally made it to class!" my teacher \_\_\_\_\_ my presence much to my embarrassment as I slinked to the back of the classroom.
3. "I'm going to complain to your manager and get you fired!" \_\_\_\_\_ Karen away at the poor, helpless cashier.
4. "I still cannot believe they let the vandal off the hook!" \_\_\_\_\_ the old man, throwing his hands up in frustration.
5. "What makes you think Alice is an angel?" Janet \_\_\_\_\_ at the possibility that my best friend could be a thief. My mind reeled from the thought of Alice stealing from me.



## Expert Exercise 2

word/phrase	meaning
<b>nagged</b>	Irritate someone with constant scolding into doing something they don't want to
<b>howled</b>	Cry out loudly in pain or agony
<b>denied</b>	Refuse to admit
<b>insisted</b>	Be stubborn or demand something forcefully
<b>interrupted</b>	Disturb someone's speech by talking before they have completed what they needed to say





## Expert Exercise 2

interrupted	denied	insisted
howled	nagged	

1. "No! I did not steal anything!" she \_\_\_\_\_ once again, despite being caught red handed by the security guard.
2. "Go and clean your room!" \_\_\_\_\_ my mother for the umpteenth time to my irritation when all I wanted was to kick back and watch television.
3. "Ouch!" she \_\_\_\_\_ in agony, hopping on one leg after being attacked by a Lego brick on the floor.
4. "I don't care if you ran out of ice. I want iced coffee!" \_\_\_\_\_ Karen, refusing to leave the restaurant.
5. "And I'm not?" \_\_\_\_\_ Alice curtly stopping my explanation halfway, not giving me a chance to redeem myself.



## Expert Exercise 3

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	<b>offered</b>	Suggest or put forward an idea
2	<b>ruminated</b>	Dwell on a matter over and over
3	<b>snickered</b>	Laugh quietly in a disrespectful way
4	<b>swore</b>	Promise with sincerity
5	<b>admonish</b>	Caution



## Expert Exercise 3

admonished	offered	swore
ruminated	snickered	

1. "I can lend you a hand with that if you'd like?" \_\_\_\_\_ Sam, extending his hand.
2. "I promise! I did not touch the cookies!" \_\_\_\_\_ my sister fervently as if she was taking an oath in court.
3. "If you come late again, you'll win a trip to detention!" \_\_\_\_\_ my teacher, sarcasm dripping from her lips.
4. "What a klutz!" they \_\_\_\_\_ cruelly at her attempt to roller-skate.
5. "I still don't know if I should tell him or not?" \_\_\_\_\_ Sally loudly for the umpteenth time.



## Expert Exercise 4

No	word/phrase	meaning
1	<b>croaked</b>	Utter in a low, rough or hoarse voice
2	<b>faltered</b>	Speak hesitantly / stammer/ stutter
3	<b>wailed</b>	High pitched cry of pain, anger or grief
4	<b>drawled</b>	To speak in a slow, lazy way with prolonged vowel sounds
5	<b>reiterated</b>	You say it again, usually in order to emphasize it.





## Expert Exercise 4

faltered	drawled	croaked
wailed	reiterated	

1. Feeling parched, he \_\_\_\_\_ hoarsely, "I need water!"
2. "'A-Adam?' he \_\_\_\_\_ for a moment in the darkness.
3. Hair all over her face, the distressed woman \_\_\_\_\_ out loudly, "Someone please save my child!"
4. "Failures are guidelines. Not stop signs!" Yvonne \_\_\_\_\_ the statement one more time to let her point sink in the minds of her students.
5. Eyelids heavy as lead, Emily struggled to stay awake even when the teacher called her. Instead of answering her teacher's question, she lazily \_\_\_\_\_, "Good night!" before crashing onto the desk.

