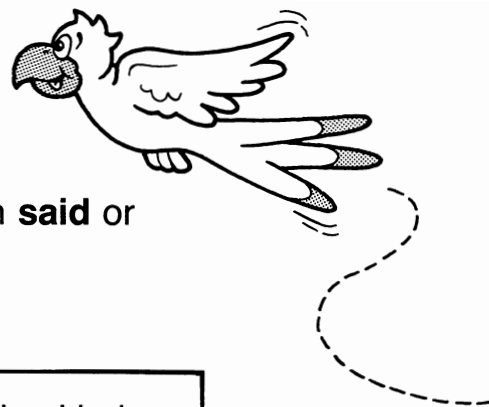


Polly's pointer:

Use **exact verbs** to make your writing clearer.



Choose a verb from the Word Bank to replace each **said** or **asked** in the parentheses below.

WORD BANK: added, answered, begged, bellowed, chuckled, commented, declared, demanded, explained, inquired, remarked, screamed, stated, whispered

"We are going to have try-outs today for the class play," (said) _____ Mrs. Firestone. She (said) _____, "I will give each of you a part to practice. I want you to use expression as you read it."

After awhile Mrs. Firestone (asked) _____, "Are you ready, Daniel?"

"Yes," (said) _____ Daniel, as he went to the front of the class to read his part. "What a funny looking cow you have there, young man," (said) _____ Daniel. "I'll trade you these magic beans for it."

Bethany read after Daniel. "What! You sold our cow for a few beans! You stupid boy!" (said) _____ Bethany.

"That was fine," (said) _____ Mrs. Firestone.

The next student to read was Albert. "I didn't mean to do anything wrong, Mother. The man said that they were magic beans. Please don't send me to bed without supper," (said) _____ Albert.

Then it was José's turn. He marched to the front. "Fee, fi, fo, fum! I smell the blood of an Englishman," (said) _____ José.

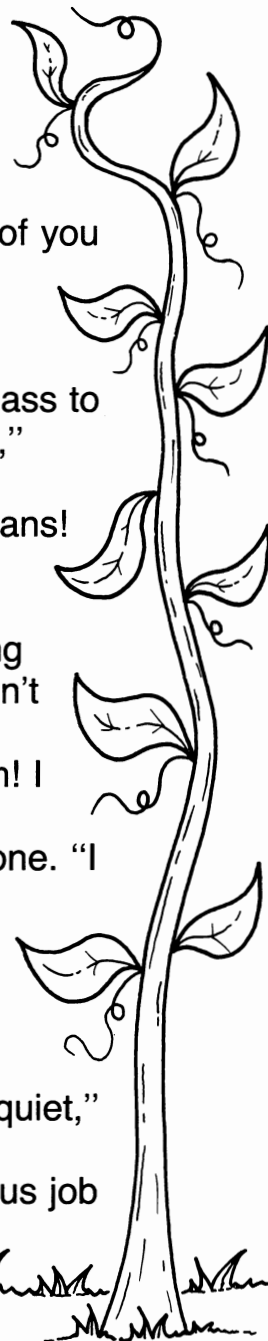
"That was very expressive, José," (said) _____ Mrs. Firestone. "I would also like to hear Leon read for the part of the giant."

"Bring me my harp. Play, Harp, play," (said) _____ Leon, pounding his fist on the table.

"Thank you, Leon. Now it's Marta's turn," (said) _____ the teacher.

"Quick! Hide in the oven so the giant won't see you. Sh-h-h. Be quiet," (said) _____ Marta.

Mrs. Firestone (said) _____, "You have all done a marvelous job of reading the parts for our play, 'Jack and the Beanstalk.'"



Topic Sentences

The topics listed below are ideas for paragraphs. Turn these ideas into complete sentences. Write a complete topic sentence for each topic below.

Example: Topic: (Riding the bus)

Topic sentence: My brother and I like to ride the bus when we go to visit our grandfather.

1. Topic: (Snow). Topic sentence: _____

2. Topic: (Going shopping). Topic Sentence: _____

3. Topic: (A favorite meal). Topic sentence: _____

4. Topic: (Spare time). Topic sentence: _____

5. Topic: (Favorite shoes). Topic sentence: _____

6. Topic: (Friends). Topic sentence: _____

7. Topic: (Chores at home). Topic sentence: _____

Select one of your topic sentences. Develop it into a full paragraph. Begin with the topic sentence. Then, write four or more complete sentences about your topic.

Paragraphs and Topic Sentences

Write two sentences to tell about the **topic sentence** below.

Word List:

science	art	teacher	sports	reading	math
music	gym	friends	homework	principal	bus

At school there are two things that I do well.

First,

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Second,

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At the star, give a reason why you do each thing well. Begin your sentence after the ★.