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# Powerful Verbs: 'Said'

Verbs are known as doing words. Some verbs are used too much in writing and aren't very interesting. An example of this is 'said'. One way to instantly improve your work is to use a variety of powerful verbs instead.

A thesaurus is a great place to look for words which have the same, or a similar meaning, also known as synonyms. Here are some powerful verb synonyms for 'said':

whispered	asked	exclaimed	cried	complained
demanded	warned	admitted	moaned	suggested

**Complete the sentences below with the most appropriate synonym from the word box.**

"Ouch, that really hurt!" \_\_\_\_\_ my sister.

"We must be as quiet as mice," \_\_\_\_\_ Joe quietly.

"Waiter, this soup is stone cold!" \_\_\_\_\_ the customer crossly.

"Be careful when walking in the mud, you wouldn't want to fall over and dirty your new coat," \_\_\_\_\_ mum.

"Can I join in with your game please?" \_\_\_\_\_ Sara.

"I took it. I stole the watch," \_\_\_\_\_ the thief.

"It's raining again! I'll never get to try out my new scooter in the park!" \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob.

"Why don't we build our own den inside the house until the rain stops?" \_\_\_\_\_ Carlos.

"We've won! I can't believe it!" \_\_\_\_\_ the bingo player.

"Give me my pencil back now!" \_\_\_\_\_ the student.

**Replace the word 'said' with a more interesting, powerful verb.**

"I just can't find my pencil case anywhere." said Martha worriedly.

"I can help you look for it if you like?" said Colleen kindly.

"Great, thank you. It's blue with white dots." said Martha. The girls began searching but couldn't find it anywhere. "Oh it's no good, it seems to have disappeared into thin air!" said Martha. Colleen could see that her friend was very upset, so she decided to let the teacher know what had happened.

Mrs Holmes stood in front of the class and said, "Right Class 6, I want you all to spend a couple of minutes looking for Martha's blue and white pencil case, it has got to be somewhere in here." Everyone busily began looking, except for one child who had frozen on the spot, looking very pale. "What's the matter Jamie?" said Mrs Holmes.

"It was me...I took it and hid it in my bag...I'm really really sorry but I wanted one just like it." said Jamie.

"You know that stealing is against the rules Jamie, go and bring it to me at once!" said Mrs Holmes. Jamie took the pencil case to Mrs Holmes and went straight to Martha to apologise, regretting what he had done.

**Extension task – Using a thesaurus, look up 3 other words for 'said' and put them into your own sentences.**