

Said is Dead!

Challenge: Rewrite each of the sentences below twice but each time change the word said with one of your said synonyms. Discuss with a grown-up how the said synonym changes the way we might say the speech inside the inverted commas.

1. Jane said, "Be careful!"
2. "Where are we going?" said Mary.
3. "Mum," said the boy, "Can I have a biscuit?"
4. "Shh," said the librarian. "You have to be quiet."
5. Sarah said, "I fell and cut my knee."

Accept sentences that are grammatically correct where the word said has been replaced with a synonym. Discuss with your child the different effects the said synonyms have on the reader. For example, "Be quiet," shouted the teacher has a different effect to "Be quiet," whispered the teacher.