

# What to do...



## Don't just say it!

Your child is learning to replace ordinary or simple verbs with exciting or powerful verbs in their writing, which makes it more interesting to read. Instead of 'said' we can use words which give an indication of how something was said! E.g. sighed, smirked.... Draw your child's attention to different ways of expressing 'said' the next time you are reading together.

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1. Reading the word 'said' lots of times in a story can become a bit boring, can't it?
2. With your helper, make a list of as many different ways of writing 'say' as you can (shout, whisper etc).
3. Can you think of more than ten?
4. Try talking in different ways to get some ideas (whispering, growling, roaring...) or look in a storybook if you get stuck.
5. Then write your ideas (neatly) in the enormous mouth below.
6. Bring it back to school to make a huge class collection!

