

# **DON'T USE SAID !!!!**

**WILF – To use different powerful verbs in place of “said”**

## **Task 1 : Spider diagram**

**In your book create a spider diagram showing all the words for “said” you can think of**

## **Task 2 :**

**Look at the sentences below, copy them into your books but change the ‘said’ to a more exciting word. Make sure that the meaning of the sentence is not changed.**

- 1) "Stop that!" **said** the irritated teacher.
- 2) "Did I upset her in some way?" **said** Prince Albert.
- 3) "Don't worry," I said to him, "It was Ann who upset her."
- 4) "We need to get out of here quickly," Billy **said** to Bob.
- 5) "I like that!" **said** the handsome boy.
- 6) The boy **said** to the girl, "Give that back to me now!"
- 7) The teacher carefully **said** to her class how to complete their art projects.
- 8) I love it!" **said** Julie
- 9) ."Why can't I go?" **said** Harry.
- 10)" I would love to go to the beach," **said** Hannah.
- 11) ."It really hurts!" **said** Tom.
- 12)"You take the first turning on the left," **said** Kim.
- 13)."Oh no!" **said** William.
- 14) ."Maybe a ladder would help," **said** John.

**Task 3 : Extension** Look at the passage provided and improve it by replacing the 'said' words with more exciting words.

The story below uses too many 'saids'!!! circle the the word said and change it for a more interesting and appropriate word, this will improve the story. Write your new word above the 'said'.

"Oh how boring", Mrs Robinson **said**.

"Come on Peter, it's time to go now", **said** Dad. Peter took one last look at his bedroom, picked up his

rucksack and walked towards the removal van. "I don't want to leave this house", Peter **said** under

his breath. Peter stared out of the window as they drove out of the drive and down the road,

passing the park that he had played for so many hours. "Goodbye Park", **said** Peter. "Who

are you talking too?" Dad **said**. "Nobody, I wasn't talking too anybody", Peter **said**.

The journey seemed to take hours and all Peter could think about was what his new bedroom would

be like and if there would be any other children in the new village they were moving to. "Well Peter

wake up, were here", **said** Mum. Peter jumped out of the van and ran up the drive of his new house.

"Wow, It's massive", **said** Peter. "Can I go and look round the back?", **said** Peter. "Ok, but be careful Peter", **said** Dad.

Peter walked round the back and began to investigate the overgrown garden that resembled a jungle. As Peter was wading through the long overgrown grass a voice startled him.

"Who are you?" **said** a boy of about the same age. "I'm Peter, I've just moved here from

London", **said** Peter. "My name is Tom, I have lived in this village all my life", **said** Tom.

"What is there to do in this village?" **said** Peter. "Well, before you came I was the only child in the village", **said** Tom.

Peter and Toms conversation was interrupted just as Tom was going to tell him about the secret den

in the woods. "Peter! Peter", **said** Dad. "Come on Peter, come and see your new bedroom", **said** Mum.

Peter arranged to meet his new friend Tom at 5.00 before running inside the house. "Mum,

Dad, I've met a new friend, his name is Tom", **said** Peter.