

Using adverbs to describe how words are said

LO: to be able to use adverbs to qualify verbs in speech.

Many times it is just too easy to say ‘said.....’ We all know that ‘said’ is a boring word, but it is not always easy to use an alternative.

E.g. “ I am feeling sad,” said Mary.

You can write a more interesting sentence if you think about **how** Mary might have said it, and use an adverb to describe it.

E.g. “ I am feeling sad,” said Mary miserably.

Task 1.

Think about how these words may have been spoken, and add an adverb to the sentence. Write your improved sentences into your books.

1. “ I know a secret,” whispered Max _____.
2. “Stop that at once!” Said Mrs Cadman _____.
3. “I’d love to join in your game,” he said _____.
4. “ One, two, three, four, five,” he said _____ as he played tig.
5. One,two,three,.....,” he said _____ as they played hide and seek.
6. “I am really cross with you,” said Mom _____.
7. “Would you like a chocolate” Jo said _____ so no-one could hear.
8. _____ , Frank said, “ I’d love to come out, but I haven’t finished my homework.”

Task 2

Write some dialogue yourself, using the adverbs you found to complete task 1. Don’t forget to follow the rules for writing dialogue :

- Speech marks [“”] surround the words that are actually spoken.
- The spoken words are separated from the rest of the sentence by a comma.