Look Up Overused Words:  

Super Challenge 6

Look up the overused word *say* in the *Oxford Primary Thesaurus* to help you.

1. Fill in the blank in each sentence with a *synonym* of *say*. For each example, there is more than one possible answer. Remember to put the *verb* into the past tense.

*Example:* ‘Land ahoy!’ *shouted* the lookout.

a) The cabin boy ..........................................., ‘Man overboard!’

b) ‘How do you spell your name?’ ........................................... Detective Shaw.

c) ‘Please don’t tell anyone else the secret,’ she .............................................

2. Now make up your own sentences using *synonyms* of *say*. Look up the *Oxford Primary Thesaurus* to see which *synonyms* are given for each use, such as to *say quietly*, or to *say angrily* – and remember to put the *verb* into the correct *tense*.

*Example:* *(to say quietly)* ‘I knew this was a bad idea,’ *mumbled* Rita, under her breath.

a) *(to say strongly)* .................................................................................................................................

b) *(to say suddenly)* .................................................................................................................................

c) *(to say again)* .................................................................................................................................

d) *(to give an order)* .................................................................................................................................

e) *(to make a suggestion)* .................................................................................................................................

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