



## Said

### **EVERYDAY EVENT:**

This week's Exceptional Expression for Everyday Events (E4) explores the word *said*. Oftentimes students overuse the word *said* in their everyday talk and writing. *Said* is also an often-used word. Both teachers and students may use the word *said* to emphasize a past conversation.

### **EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:**

The word *said* is a generic term for communication. In writing and in speech, other words can be used instead of *said* to give more information. For example, I shouted, "Help." From the word *shouted*, we know that the speaker raised his/her voice loudly. We also know that the speaker was in desperate need for help. The word *said* would not have conveyed this information.

### **FOLLOW-UPS**

- When might someone *murmur* or *whisper* "Hi."
- What is the difference between I *shouted*, "Hi!" and I *squealed*, "Hi!"
- What does it mean when the speaker says, "I *thought*, 'I am having fun!'" how is it different if instead of *thought*, the word was *proclaimed*?

### **THE SPANISH CONNECTION:**

The word *said* comes from the Old English word. But the word *said* can be found in many different languages as well. The Spanish word for *said* is *dije*. It is not a cognate for the word *said*. But many of the synonyms for *said* do have Spanish cognates.

### **WORD CHANGES:**

#### 1) IDIOMS

- Easier said than done
- Enough said
- No sooner said than done
- When all's said and done
- He said, she said

#### (2) COMMON PHRASES

- Was it something I said?



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