

"Said is Dead"

The word "said" is perhaps the most overused word in the English language. The following passage originally contained the word "said" in every blank. Write a different substitute for "said" in each blank space. Remember when you write to not overdo using this word!

"The Valentine's Dance"

"Hush everybody!" _____ Sally, the school's student council president. "We must make some decisions about how to organize this year's Valentine's Day dance. Do you think we should invite the Sixth Graders?"

"No way," _____ Johan, "those Sixth Graders are just too immature."

"I agree," _____ Liz, "I can barely stand break time with them."

"Let's consider our fundraising here for a second," _____ Sally. "If we allow the Sixth Graders to attend, we'll make more money for our organization."

"Who cares!" _____ John. "All I want to do is have some fun."

"Yes," _____ Sally, "but you might feel differently when our group is ready to take a field trip to Shipwreck Island. More money in fundraising means less money out of pocket for the field trip."

"I hadn't thought of that," _____ John.

"Let's take a vote on it," _____ Liz.

"OK," _____ Sally, "All those in favor of allowing the Sixth Graders to attend this year's Valentine's Dance raise your hand. Thank you. That's 1-2-3 hands," _____ Sally.

"Now all those not in favor raise your hand. Only one," _____ Sally.

"I'm not coming then," _____ John.

"Well, John," _____ Sally, "that's your choice I suppose. But if you want your share applied to the Shipwreck trip, you'll have to at least help with planning."

"Well I surely can do that", _____ John.

"Then it's settled," _____ Sally. "Let's plan to meet again next week to discuss responsibilities."

"Okie dokey smokey," _____ Johan.

"See you next week," _____ Liz.

"Can I catch a ride home with you, Sally?" _____ Jo.

"Sure," _____ Sally, "let's rock and roll."