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Example: Katie replied**, "**I can’t live without my cellphone.**"**

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Example:

“Hi,” said Carlos. “How are you?”

 “I’m great,” replied Reece. “How have you been?”

 “Oh, you know, getting by.” Carlos had been sullen and withdrawn ever since his favourite hamster had died. Reece was getting worried that Carlos was not dealing well with the death.

Now you try:

1. Mickella said, That's my pen.

2. Is the pizza here? Asked Amber

3. I love writing, said Noah; it is hands down my favorite type of English assignment!

4. Help! Shouted Todd. I can’t live a whole class without interrupting!

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