**How to Write Dialogue**

**Example from *The Giver:* “I heard about a guy who was absolutely certain he was going to be assigned Engineer,” Asher muttered as they ate, “and instead they gave him sanitation laborer.”**

**“Said” words:**

* **Mutter/Murmur**
* **Mumble**
* **Scream/Yell/Shout**
* **Whisper**
* **Exclaim**
* **Stutter/Stammer**
* **Ask**
* **Gasp**
* **Yelp**
* **State**
* **Order**
* **Reply**
* **Explain**
* **Apologize**
* **Retort**
* **Admit**
* **Gush**
* **Quip**