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Dialog is one of the ways that an author can tell you what is going on in a scene. For example:

“Hand me that cup,” Jason said.

“This one?” Kay asked.

“No. The blue one. Good grief. It’s right in front of you! Never mind. I’ll get it myself. There!”

In that little snippet of dialogue, the author told you that Kay was trying to find a cup, was having trouble, and that Jason got irritated with her about it and finally got it himself. That’s a lot to communicate in just three lines of dialogue!

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the brief paragraph below. Then rewrite it as dialogue, trying to convey as much of the action in the dialogue as possible.

Mark and Jenny were taking a walk on a wooded trail when they heard a rustle and something darted out across the path right in front of them and disappeared back into the woods. Jenny was startled, but Mark told her that it was only a squirrel.

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