

Instead of *said* try



laughed	smiled	shouted	cried	whispered
screamed	giggled	scolded	whimpered	answered
grinned	bragged	pleaded	groaned	roared
called	snapped	hissed	mumbled	exclaimed
guessed	grunted	sneezed	snarled	noted
wept	worried	squeaked	barked	quivered
gushed	comforted	blurted	spat	spluttered
chided	confessed	continued	joked	bellowed
begged	announced	challenged	argued	reminded