**PRACTICE WITH DIALOGUE USING WORDS TO REPLACE “SAID”**

“Ann, I don’t want you to go,” Bob pleaded. “Please reconsider.”

Ann thought about how much she love him, but she also considered his flaws. She hesitated for a moment and then offered, “You would need to make some changes, OK?”

“What kind of changes?”

“You can’t figure that out?” Ann huffed.

“I’ll try. Give me a minute.” Bob scratched his head and frowned for a full several minutes before whining, “Ann, I thought things were good; I thought we were good together.”

“Don’t you see? That’s exactly what I’m talking about.”

“What are you talking about?”

“Apparently, you can’t even follow a simple conversation?” Ann wailed.

“I could if you would just say what you mean.” Bob’s heart was pounding, and he began to feel frustrated and nervous. He started to pace. It calmed him to pace and helped him think.

“Will you please stop that?” Ann seethed. “You know I hate it when you do that.”

“Do what?”

“That!” Ann bellowed. “Stop pacing! Stop! You’re driving me crazy!”

“I can’t pace. I can’t read your mind. What’s the point to our talking?”

“Exactly,” Ann muttered, quickly leaving the room. The door slammed behind her.