

# Synonyms

## Verbs to Use Instead of "Said"

How It's Said	Word to Substitute
in a happy way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• laughed</li> <li>• rejoiced</li> <li>• giggled</li> <li>• joked</li> </ul>
in a sad way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sobbed</li> <li>• groaned</li> <li>• sniveled</li> <li>• wept</li> <li>• mourned</li> </ul>
in a bossy way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• insisted</li> <li>• bossed</li> <li>• demanded</li> <li>• preached</li> <li>• dictated</li> </ul>
in an angry way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• raged</li> <li>• miffed</li> <li>• seethed</li> <li>• fumed</li> </ul>
in a pained way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• groaned</li> <li>• howled</li> <li>• shrieked</li> <li>• roared</li> <li>• grieved</li> <li>• wailed</li> <li>• yelped</li> </ul>
in a frightened way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quaked</li> <li>• stammered</li> <li>• shuddered</li> </ul>

**in a understanding way**

- quivered
- trembled

- empathized
- accepted
- consoled
- crooned

- comforted
- sympathized
- agreed

**in a tired way**

- mumbled
- struggled
- emitted
- wearied

**in a begging way**

- beseeched
- begged
- implored
- pleaded

- entreated
- appealed to

**as an answer**

- responded
- retorted
- replied
- rejoined

- answered
- acknowledged

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