

## Analyzing Dialogue Tags

- Do I need a tag to clarify the speaker or describe the tone?
- Is the tag located in the best place? (beginning, middle, end)
- Can I use an action tag instead?
  - Movements (stomp feet, pivot)
  - Interactions with the environment (slam window, gaze uninterested outside)
  - Gestures (shrug, wave)
  - Expressions (frown, smile)
  - Narrative/internal thoughts

## PRACTICE: Rewrite the following excerpt with *at least*:

- 1 movement action tag
- 1 internal thought action tag
- 1 tag location change

“What do you want to eat?” Amy asked.

“I don’t know,” Mike answered.

“Well, I could eat a horse. I’m starved,” she said.

“Then you pick,” he replied.



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