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Action Add-On

Directions: Each dialogue exchange has no action indicated. Rewrite each one by keeping the dialogue but adding simple **action beats** that show what the characters are doing. Write your improved version below the dialogue.

1. "Do you want to practice the song again" Mia asked. "I guess we should" Ben replied. "We keep forgetting the ending."
2. "I think the trail goes this way" Luis said. "No it definitely goes the other way" Kara argued. "We are lost again" Luis sighed.
3. "I can't find the paintbrushes" Nora complained. "They were on the shelf" Theo answered. "Well they're gone now" Nora said.
4. "I am not ready for the spelling test" Penny groaned. "You studied more than I did" Caleb answered. "I still feel nervous" Penny whispered.
5. "Can you hand me the puzzle box" Zach asked. "Only if you promise not to lose the pieces again" Lila said. "I won't lose them this time" Zach insisted.