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## Hike Talk Reading

**Directions:** Read the paragraph below silently to understand the story. Then, read it aloud, paying attention to the **dialogue**. Use different tones, expressions, and pacing to match each character’s voice. Practice the paragraph two or three times, improving **smoothness, accuracy, and expression** each time. After reading, answer the comprehension questions.

“Are you ready for the hike?” asked Daniel, adjusting his backpack straps. “I think so,” replied Emma, though she glanced nervously at the steep trail ahead. “You’ll be fine,” Daniel encouraged with a smile. “We’ll take it slow, and the view at the top will be worth it.” Emma took a deep breath, then grinned. “Alright—let’s do this together.”

### Follow-Up Questions

1. Who was nervous about the hike?

2. What did Daniel say to encourage Emma?

3. What did Emma decide at the end of the paragraph?