ACT TWO

Read what each person says. Also, read the text beneath the dialogue to find out what each person meant to say.

PARENT: (upset, angry) Where have you been?

(You're over an hour late, and I've been really worried.)

SAM: (defensively) At school.

(I got detention and I'm kind of embarrassed about it.)

PARENT: (confused) But school was over an hour ago! What have you been doing?

(Did you forget that you had a dentist appointment?)

SAM: (insulted) I told you! I was at school! The teacher made us stay late.

(Don't you believe me? Oops, did I say "us"?)

PARENT: (frustrated) Why?

(Please just explain why you are so late.)

SAM: (anxiously) Because somebody was throwing spitballs and the teacher

got mad, so the class got detention.

(Well, really just me, because I threw some spitballs.)

PARENT: (wary) That doesn't seem fair, but you should have had enough sense

to call.

(And you weren't involved?)

SAM: (resentfully) Well, the teacher wouldn't let us leave the room!

(I forgot to call. That's what I should have done.)

PARENT: (angry) That's it! I'm going to call your teacher about this! I had to

cancel your dental appointment!







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