

# 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!