# **Dialogue Sentence Strips**

# Dialogue Excerpts From "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson (1949/2010) Beginning Tags Then he asked, "Watson boy drawing this year?"

A girl whispered, "I hope it's not Nancy."

Old Man Warner said clearly, "People ain't the way they used to be."

#### Middle Tags

"Well, now," Mr. Summers said soberly, "guess we better get started, get this over with, so's we can go back to work. Anybody ain't here?"

"Well," Mr. Summers said, "guess that's everyone."

"They do say," Mr. Adams said to Old Man Warner, who stood next to him, "that over in the north village they're talking of giving up the lottery."

"Well, everyone," Mr. Summers said, "that was done pretty fast, and now we've got to be hurrying a little more to get done in time."

## **End Tags**

"All ready?" he called.

"There goes my old man," Mrs. Delacroix said.

"I wish they'd hurry," Mrs. Dunbar said to her older son.

"Clean forgot what day it was," she said to Mrs. Delacroix, who stood next to her, and they both laughed softly.

## **Combination of Tags**

"Daughters draw with their husbands' families, Tessie," Mr. Summers said gently. "You know that as well as anyone else."

"Clyde Dunbar," he said. "That's right. He's broke his leg, hasn't he? Who's drawing for him?"

"Horace's not but sixteen yet," Mrs. Dunbar said regretfully. "Guess I gotta fill in for the old man this year."

Mr. Graves nodded and held up the slips of paper. "Put them back in the box, then," Mr. Summers directed. "Take Bill's and put it in."

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