Choose Your Words

Instead of...

Quit shouting out!

Try this... Don't talk like that! Please use kind words. Questions, anyone? What questions do you have? Clean that up right now! Let's see how fast you can get this cleaned up. Quit stalling and get writing. Looks like you're struggling to get started. Do you want help brainstorming ideas? You're too loud! Oops. Turn the volume down please. You two can't ever be together! Let's take a break from each other. I'm so tired of repeating myself! Friends, someone doesn't know what to do. Who can help them out? Don't talk to me like that! I'll be happy to listen when your voice is quiet and respectful. Don't even think about recess until You're welcome to join us for recess once you calm you learn some respect! down and apologize. Sit down! Would you rather do your work seated or standing at your desk? No running in the classroom! Oops. Go back and try that again. Great job! [vague] I saw you did _____. Good readers do that! [specific] Nice job figuring out that problem, but... You figured out that problem! Now, let's work on....

I can only hear kids who wait their turn to talk.