
Six Traits

Word Choice

Notebook - Writing Activities

Video "The Power of Words"



<http://youtu.be/Hzgzim5m7oU>

Turn & talk w/ a partner

about this video

Word Choice

the words you choose should convey your intended message

- adjectives are thoughtful and fit descriptions
- strong verbs both show and tell information
- specific nouns
- figurative language is natural
- choose the RIGHT word - don't rely on predictable words

OTHER WAYS TO SAY...

nice

enjoyable
pleasurable
thoughtful
courteous
lovely
likeable
pleasing
gracious
congenial
cordial
admirable
considerate

good

excellent
amazing
wonderful
pleasant
marvelous
exceptional
fantastic
super
outstanding
terrific
splendid
stupendous

bad

awful
rotten
naughty
mean
dreadful
nasty
wicked
lousy
terrible
unpleasant
disagreeable
wretched

sad

depressed
gloomy
miserable
cheerless
unhappy
gloomy
forlorn
sorrowful
upset
downcast
tearful
somber

happy

cheerful
delighted
pleased
glad
joyful
ecstatic
content
jovial
amused
merry
thrilled
elated

laughed

giggled
chuckled
roared
howled
whooped
snickered
guffawed
shrieked
grinned
cackled
bellowed
chortled

like

admire
approve
adore
treasure
fancy
marvel
appreciate
respect
cherish
fond
desire
enjoy

said

commented
replied
remarked
declared
stated
exclaimed
shouted
whispered
announced
responded
boasted
explained

big

huge
giant
gigantic
enormous
large
massive
colossal
immense
bulky
hefty
tremendous
jumbo

little

small
tiny
petite
miniature
teeny
itsy-bitsy
miniscule
mini
minute
microscopic
skimpy
wee

ran

bolted
sped
hurried
sprinted
jogged
rushed
galloped
hustled
skipped
raced
dashed
fled

walked

strolled
sauntered
tiptoed
trotted
marched
glided
strutted
shuffled
crept
treaded
hiked
paraded

pretty

beautiful
gorgeous
appealing
cute
lovely
exquisite
attractive
elegant
handsome
stunning
fair
dazzling

looked

gazed
examined
glanced
viewed
observed
peeked
stared
watched
inspected
spied
studied
noticed

scared

afraid
frightened
spooked
horrified
startled
fearful
petrified
anxious
aghast
alarmed
terrified
shaken

Additional Reference Materials

The "Other Ways to Say" photo is in Google Classroom (About section). It will be used in peer reviews.

Additional reference materials: Padlet

Mrs. Mixdorf has created a Padlet for collecting additional reference materials. If you find a quality reference, add it to the Padlet.

[Click here to go to the Padlet.](#) The Padlet link will also be in Google Classroom (About section.)

Activity 1

Watch this YouTube video from BookDog. In your notebook, define *denotation* and *connotation*

Connotation and Denotation

Activity 2

In your notebook, tell me what word choice is AND how you will make sure you are more aware of word choice in your writing.

2 minutes

Activity 3

Using your Narrative Choice Selection, go to the Study Guide questions and find the Vocabulary Projects section.

Identify the title. Record two words & definitions on the slip of paper provided.

Give one/Get one activity