

Lesson 3 – Word Choice: Sample Activities

Word Choice: Activity One

Have your students look at an example of text like the passage below.

Have students underline what words stand out in the text that make the passage memorable.

Last years blizzard was an event I will never forget. I remember it like yesterday. The morning started with slate gray clouds rolling like waves across the sky. By mid-morning, the skies opened up with a torrent of snow. Sheets of snowflakes trounced the ground in an unending array of white. Before I knew it, the snow was knee-deep outside. I knew right away that we wouldn't have school that day, or the next. It might be a whole week before we reluctantly dug ourselves out of this mess.

Word Choice: Activity Two

Have your students look at the paragraph below. The word decisions made in this paragraph need some improvement. Have your students rewrite it to show better word choice.

Jennifer had quite a strange day last week. It began when she got up. She was late for school. She raced around getting dressed in the middle of the dark. It was quite a mistake. She put on mismatched socks, two different color shoes, and a sweater with a large ketchup stain on it. As she went downstairs. Jennifer tried to get a quick breakfast. She thought she took a granola bar, but instead it was something else. As soon as she went outside, she tripped down the stairs. Of course, this happened just as the bus showed up in front of her house. She got on the bus with no breakfast, a bad wardrobe, and her face quite red. And, that was just the start of her day.