

Using Powerful Verbs!

What is a Powerful Verb?

A powerful verb is when you use a synonym to make your writing more descriptive and exciting.

Using Powerful Verbs:

Instead of using simple words like the word 'walk' to describe a character's movement, you could use trod, paced, sashayed, skulked or stamped instead.

One way to make your writing more interesting is to use **powerful verbs**. Some verbs are very descriptive, like rancid! This tells the reader something is really gross.

Examples of using powerful verbs:

- Her perfume was too strong, it **stunk**.
- She **wormed** her way through the busy festival crowd.
- She **stormed** across the classroom.

Powerful verbs are used in poetry and creative writing to be more descriptive; using them can make a sentence more interesting.

Replace the simple verbs in the sentences below to make them more powerful.

1. "I can't do it!" She **said**. _____
2. Steven **ran** across the oval. _____
3. The man was **walking** on the platform. _____
4. She **stared** at her rival. _____
5. The fox **ran quickly** across the field. _____

The Powerful Vowel Word List

Add alternative words to the list below that sound more powerful than the original words.

Original word:	Powerful Verbs
Describing actions	
Walked	<i>Eg. Strode, ambled, advanced, wondered</i>
Talked	
Carried	
Pulled	
Pushed	
Went	
Look	

Original word:	Powerful version
describing a thing	
Clean	<i>Eg. Pristine, immaculate, impeccable</i>
Colourful	
Bright	
Broken	
Ugly	
Dirty	