

The Yellow Pages for Better Writing

Sensory Descriptive Words

Touch Words

Cool
Cold ☹️
Icy ☹️
Lukewarm
Tepid
Warm
Hot
Steamy
Sticky ☹️
Damp
Wet

Silky
Satiny
Velvety
Smooth
Soft
Wooly
Furry
Feathery
Fuzzy
Hairy
Prickly ☹️

Slippery
Spongy
Mushy ☹️
Oily
Waxy
Fleshy
Rubbery
Tough
Crisp
Elastic
Leathery

Gritty ☹️
Sandy
Rough ☹️
Sharp
Thick
Pulpy
Dry
Dull
Thin
Fragile
Tender

Hearing Words- Loud Sounds

Crash
Thud
Bump
Thump
Boom
Bang
Thunder
Smash
Explode
Roar

Screech
Shout
Yell
Whistle
Whine
Bark
Squawk
Bawl
Bray
Bluster

Rage
Blare
Rumble
Grate
Slam
Stomp
Clap
Stamp
Noise
Discord

Jangle
Rasp
Clash
Caterwaul
Clamor
Riot
Tumult
Racket
Brawl
Bedlam

Pandemonium
Hubbub
Blatant
Deafening
Raucous
Piercing
Earsplitting
Rowdy
Disorderly
Jangle

Hearing Words- Soft Sounds

Sigh
Murmur
Whisper
Whir
Rustle
Twitter
Patter

Bleat
Hum
Mutter
Snap
Hiss
Crackle
Peep

Bizz
Zing
Gurgle
Swish
Rush
Chime

Clink
Hush
Still
Speechless
Mute
Faint

Tinkle
Inaudible
Melody
Resonance
Harmony
Musical

Bold	Dramatic	Tantalizing	Irresistible	Exuberant	Enigmatic
Animated	Perky	Attractive	Arrogant	Flamboyant	Expansive
Imposing	Regal	Stately	Elegant	Statuesque	Huge
Immense	Passive	Gigantic	Showy	Decorative	Distinctive
Dazzling	Opulent	Jeweled		Lacy	Lavish
Gorgeous	Radiant	Vivid	Flushed	Fiery	Blazing
Verdant	Fresh	Clean	Scrubbed	Tidy	Handsome
Pleasant	Sunny	Calm	Serene	Unruffled	Frilled
Crimped	Crinkled	Flared	Oval	Conical	Cylindrical
Tubular	Hollow	Rotund	Chubby	Portly	Swollen
Lumpy	Clustered	Padded	Tufted	Pendulous	Jutting
Irregular	Proportioned	Angular	Triangular	Rectangular	Hexagonal
Octagonal	Square	Pyramid cal	Tapering	Branching	Twiggy
Split	Broken	Spindly	Skinny	Thin	Wiry
Shapely	Winged	Shapeless	Nerveless	Scrolled	Globular
Rolled	Scalloped	Ruffled			

Appearance

Dotted	Freckled	Spotted	Blotched	Wrinkled	Glassy
Patterned	Mottled	Flowery	Striped	Bright	Clear
Shiny	Glowing	Glossy	Shimmering	Fluid	Sparkling
Iridescent	Glassy				

Movement

Fast	Hurry	Run	Scamper	Spin	Scramble
Skip	Sprint	Stride	Streak	Propel	Trot
Gallop	Drive	Dash	Bolt	Carren	Rush
Race	Zoom	Zip	Ram	Chase	Hurl
Swat	Flick	Whisk	Rip	Shove	Swerve
Smash	Drop	Plummet	Bounce	Swoop	Plunge
Swing	Fly	Sail	Slow	Creep	Crawl
Plod	Slouch	Lumber	Tiptoe	Bend	Amble
Saunter	Loiter	Stray	Slink	Stalk	Edge
Sneak	Stagger	Lope	Waddle	Drag	Sway
Soar	Lift	Drift	Droop	Heave	Spring

Movement (Fast)

Hasten	Run	Spurt	Whisk	Dash	Whiz
Race	Hurry	Gallop	Quick	Dart	Scurry

Movement (Slow)

Slacken	Slug	Walk	Linger	Plod	Loiter
Drag	Creep	Dawdle	Crawl	Waddle	Lag
Limp	Tardy	Saunter			

Brown

Auburn
Chocolate

Chestnut
Tawny

Nut-brown

Cinnamon

Hazel

Fawn

Green

Emerald
Leaf

Pea

Grass

Kelly

Olive

Sea

Red

Scarlet
Magenta

Vermillion
Ruby

Cardinal

Crimson

Cherry

Maroon

Orange

Flame

Copper

Brass

Apricot

Hot

Glowing

Yellow

Golden
Straw

Fawny

Creamy

Saffron

Lemon

Sulphur

Purple

Violet

Plum

Lavender

Lilac

Puce

Maive

Blue

Cobalt
Royal

Indigo

Azure

Sky-blue

Navy

Aquamarine

Prepositions

About	Except	Past	According to	Above	For
Since	Through	Throughout	For the Sake of	From	Across
After	In	Till	To	Against	In Addition to
Together	Along	In Behalf of	Under	Until	Along
In Case Of	Up	Upon	Among	In Regard to	Around
In Spite of	At	Instead of	With	Within	Because of
Into	Without	Before	Inside	Behind	Like
With Reference		Below	Near	Off	On
Beneath	Of	On Account of		On Behalf of	
But(Except)	Beyond	By	Concerning	Despite	Down
Outside	Out of	During	Over	On top of	

Transitions

In Addition	Secondly	To Begin With	Moreover
Therefore	So that	Beyond	Thus
Opposite to	Nearby	Next	Close to
Again	And	Accordingly	Hence
Adjacent to	Consequently	Furthermore	Likewise
Whereas	Besides	Provided That	On the Contrary
In the Same Manner	Similarly	Unless	As a Result Of
Yet	In Spite of	Equally	Further
Though	To Begin With	But	Third
However	Also	Although	Second
Otherwise	Equally Important	Nevertheless	Today
Instead of	First	Neither	Underneath
Specifically	For Instance	In the first place	Below
Once	Then	Now	Unfortunately
At Length	Soon	While	To Conclude
Above	Between	Farther	In Second Place
Across From	As Though	As If	On the other hand
Away form	At the same time	Compared with	In Comparison to
Notwithstanding	Differing from	Finally	Even though
By Comparison			

Menu of Some Character Traits

Positive Character Traits

active	delighted	humorous	proud
admirable	dependable	innocent	quick-witted
adventurous	determined	inquiring	quiet
affectionate	devoted	inquisitive	relaxed
agreeable	eager	intelligent	reliable
amazing	efficient	jolly	responsible
ambitious	elegant	joyous	self-satisfied
amusing	enchanting	jubilant	serene
attentive	enthusiastic	kind	shy
attractive	exceptional	lively	sly
awesome	fair	lovely	smart
bashful	faithful	loving	spectacular
beautiful	fantastic	loyal	spirited
bold	fearless	magnificent	splendid
brave	friendly	marvelous	stunning
bright	frisky	neighborly	stylish
brilliant	funny	nice	superb
calm	gallant	obedient	superior
capable	gentle	observant	talented
charming	glad	optimistic	tasteful
cheerful	gleeful	outgoing	<u>tender</u>
clever	gorgeous	outstanding	terrific
contented	graceful	overjoyed	thoughtful
courageous	handsome	patient	timid
courteous	happy	peaceful	trustworthy
crafty	helpful	perky	truth worthy
creative	heroic	playful	truthful
cunning	honest	pleasant	valiant
curious	honorable	pleased	watchful
daring	hopeful	polite	well-mannered
decent	humble	pretty	wonderful

VOCABULARY BUILDER III

Name: _____ Date: _____

People, Places, Things	Adjectives to Use

Menu of Some Adjectives

aching
 amusing
 baggy
 brisk
 cheap
 chilly
 clammy
 cold
 cool
 costly
 dainty
 damp
 delicate
 dingy
 dirty
 dismal
 dreary
 droopy
 enjoyable
 excellent
 exceptional
 extraordinary

fabulous
 fast
 fearful
 fiery
 fine
 fishy
 flabby
 flashy
 fragile
 freezing
 frequently
 frightful
 frigid
 frosty
 frozen
 gaudy
 ghastly
 gloomy
 grubby
 gruesome
 horrible
 hot warm

humid
 icy
 imagined
 incredible
 invisible
 likable
 marvelous
 messy
 moist
 mucky
 never
 odd
 often
 outstanding
 painful
 peculiar
 precious
 priceless
 quick
 rainy
 rapid
 regularly

repeatedly
 roasting
 seldom
 shocking
 sore
 speedy
 strange
 superior
 suspicious
 swift
 tender
 terrible
 throbbing
 unbelievable
 unusual
 valuable
 vigorous
 weird
 wet
 wonderful

laugh
locate
march
melt
mimic gawk
moan
mope
mumble
munch
murmur
mutter
nibble
nick
nip
notice
nudge
open
paint
pat
peek
peer
pelt
pick
pinch
plan
plaster
pluck

plunge
poke
pop
pounce
pound
pout
prance
prod
protect
pull
push
quarrel
ramble
rattle
ring
roar
roar
romp
ruin
rumble
run skip
runaway
rush
sag
say
scowl
scratch

search
see
seek
seize
select
shake
shatter
shore
shout
shove
shriek
shuttle
sketch
slap
sleep
slice
slide
slip
slither
smash
smile
smirk
snap
snarl
snicker
snooze
snort

snuggle
sparkle
speak
spoil
spread
squeeze
squirm
stalk
stare
stride
strike
strut
stumble
sulk
swab
swallow
swing
swirl
take
throw
thrust
thunder
tinkle
tittle tattle
topple
touch
trail

tramp
trap
trash
trip
twinkle
twirl
twitter
uncover
unfasten
unlock
vanish
vibrate
wail
walk
wander
wave
whack
whine
whisper
whistle
wreck
wriggle
write
yank
yawn
yell

Number

bit
bunch
cluster
countless
couple
decade

dozen
dozen
enough
few
fraction
fragment

group
half
loads
lots
many
month

morsel
numerous
pair
piece
plenty
several

some
too many
week
year

Smell

fishy
fragrant
fresh

mildewy
rotten
salty

smelly
smoky
spicy

stale
sweet

Good

agreeable
amazing
awesome
brilliant
dazzling

delightful
exceptional
gorgeous
grand
lovely

magical
magnificent
marvelous
nice
outstanding

spectacular
splendid
superb
superior
terrific

wonderful

Texture

brisk
brittle
bumpy
chalky
chewy
clammy
cold
cool
crisp

crisp
crumbly
crunchy
crusty
dry
firm
flexible
giggly
hairy

hard
hard
hot
itchy
lumpy
moist
prickly
rocky
rough

rubbery
sharp
slimy
slippery
smooth
snappy
soft
soggy
solid

spiky
sticky
tacky
warm
watery

Looks

attractive
beautiful
bloody
bright
brilliant
clean
colorful
dark
dim

dreary
dull
dusty
faded
fair
gleam
gleaming
glisten
glitter

glittering
gloomy
glowing
handsome
itchy
lowing
messy
plain
pretty

radiant
scary
shimmer
shimmering
shine
shining
shiny
slimy
sparkle

sparkling
tacky
twinkle
twinkling
ugly
watery

Let's Build a Pyramid.....Sentence

Given a noun to start with, add a new sentence detail to each line to create a growing pyramid of information. Each pyramid should contain a subject and verb, an adjective, an adverb and at least one prepositional phase.

	<u>Bear</u>
Which bear?	the brown bear
Where?	the brown bear in the cave
Did What?	The brown bear in the cave slept
How?	The brown bear in the cave slept soundly
When?	The brown bear in the cave slept soundly through the winter.

Suggestions: Prompt Students to use descriptive words for each noun. This can be done during the revision process.

The chocolate brown bear
The dark cave
Through the cold, dark winter

***Challenge:** Have students invert the pyramid by writing a sentence that gives all the important information first.

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