

# Vivid Word Choice Handout

Big		Small	
Ample	Oversized	Bite-sized	Stubby
Bulky	Spacious	Diminutive	Teeny
Colossal	Staggering	Meager	Tiny
Enormous	Substantial	Microscopic	Undersized
Gigantic	Titanic	Miniature	
Humongous	Towering	Petite	
Husky	Tremendous	Puny	
Immense	Vast	Scrubby	
Massive	Voluminous	Skimpy	
Oversized		Slight	

Good		Bad	
Amazing	Glorious	Atrocious	Obscene
Astonishing	Impressive	Despicable	Repellent
Awesome	Magnificent	Disgusting	Repulsive
Brilliant	Outstanding	Dreadful	Repugnant
Excellent	Phenomenal	Gruesome	Terrible
Extraordinary	Remarkable	Hideous	Terrifying
Fabulous	Sensational	Horrendous	Vile
Fantastic	Terrific	Nauseating	Wretched

## Emotions/ Feeling

**Afraid:** alarmed, apprehensive, cowardly, fearful, frightened, intimidated, petrified, startled.

**Angry:** fiery, fuming, furious, irate, outraged, raging, riled.

**Calm:** mellow, peaceful, relaxed, restful, serene, tranquil, undisturbed.

**Excited:** delighted, eager, enthusiastic, hyper, passionate, thrilled.

**Happy:** cheerful, chipper, content, ecstatic, elated, joyful, jubilant, lighthearted, overjoyed, perky, thrilled.

**Nervous:** anxious, concerned, distress, jittery, tense, worried.

**Sad:** crushed, dejected, depressed, devastated, forlorn, gloomy, heartbroken, heavy-hearted, low-spirited, melancholy, miserable, somber, sorrowful, troubled.

## Sensory Words

### Sound

**To hear:** Catch, detect, eavesdrop, listed, overhear

**A sound:** din, note, resonance, tone.

**Pleasant:** harmonic, melodic, rhythmical.

**Unpleasant:** deafening, ear-piercing, ear-popping, grating, piercing, rowdy, shrill, whiny.

**Loud:** bang, blast, boom, burst, clang, clap, clash, crack, crash, pop, rattle, scream, stomp, thud.

**Scared:** cry, scream, screech, stutter, whimper, yelp.

### Sight

**A sight:** appearance, display, exhibition, hallucination, illusion, image, impression, reflection, scene, view, vision.

**Clear:** apparent, cloudless, distinct, lucid, translucent, transparent, visible.

**Light:** fluorescent, golden, illuminated, lit, lucent, luminous, moonlit, starry, sunny, well-lit.

**Dark:** black, lightless, muddy, obscure, pitch-black.

### Smell

**To smell:** inhale, scent, sniff, whiff.

**A smell:** aroma, fragrance, odor, perfume, scent.

**Good smelling:** appealing, delightful, divine, enticing, luscious, mouthwatering, rich, savory, tempting, zesty.

**Bad smelling:** disgusting, fishy, nasty, noxious, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, stinky, unappealing.

### Touch

**Hot:** baking, blazing, blistering, boiling, burning, feverish, fiery, flaming, lukewarm, scalding, scorching, sizzling.

**Cold:** arctic, bitter, brisk, chilly, crisp, freezing, icy, frosty, numbing.

**Smooth:** creamy, glassy, glossy, polished, silky, sleek, waxy.

**Rough:** bumpy, chapped, grainy, gritty, rocky, sandy.

# Action Verbs

## Arrived

Appeared  
Entered  
Landed

## Ate

Consumed  
Devoured  
Feasted  
Gorged  
Inhaled  
Munched  
Nibbled  
Snacked

## Began

Initiated  
Instigated  
Launched  
Originated

## Broke

Busted  
Cracked  
Crushed  
Demolished  
Smashed  
Shattered

## Changed

Adapted  
Altered  
Converted  
Evolved  
Mutated  
Restyled  
Transformed

## Cut

Amputated  
Carved  
Chopped  
Clipped  
Diced  
Slashed  
Sliced  
Snipped  
Trimmed

## Drank

Gargled  
Gulped  
Sipped  
Slurped  
Swallowed  
Swigged  
Toasted

## Fell

Collapsed  
Dropped  
Stumbled  
Tripped  
Tumbled

## Gave

Awarded  
Contributed  
Donated  
Gifted  
Granted  
Provided  
Relinquished  
Supplied

## Got

Acquired  
Fetched  
Gained  
Grabbed  
Inherited  
Snatched

## Held

Clasped  
Clenched  
Clung

Grasped  
Gripped  
Squeezed

## Hit

Bashed  
Knocked  
Slapped  
Smacked  
Wacked

## Laughed

Burst  
Chuckled  
Giggled  
Shrieked  
Snorted

## Left

Abandoned  
Departed  
Deserted  
Disappeared  
Ditched  
Escaped  
Fled  
Split  
Vanished

## Made

Assembled  
Constructed  
Created  
Designed  
Fashioned  
Invented  
Manufactured  
Produced

## Planned

Arranged  
Brainstormed  
Engineered  
Formulated  
Mapped  
Organized  
Outlined  
Plotted  
Sketched

## Pulled

Dragged  
Hauled  
Heaved  
Tagged  
Towed  
Yanked

## Put

Arranged  
Handed  
Placed  
Laid

## Said

Admitted  
Agreed  
Answered  
Apologized  
Argued  
Assured  
Begged  
Blubbered  
Boasted  
Cautioned  
Complained  
Groaned  
Grumbled  
Declared  
Exclaimed  
Explained  
Exaggerated  
Gasped  
Hissed  
Hollered  
Imitated  
Insisted  
Instructed  
Intimidated  
Moaned  
Murmured  
Muttered  
Ordered  
Persuaded  
Pleaded  
Promised  
Pronounced  
Rambled  
Reported  
Retold  
Revealed  
Screamed  
Shouted  
Suggested  
Teased  
Warned  
Whined  
Whispered

## Saved

Conserved  
Preserved  
Stored

## Saw

Eyeballed  
Gazed  
Glanced  
Glared  
Glimpsed  
Noticed  
Observed  
Peeked  
Pictured  
Scanned  
Spied  
Stared

## Thought

Believed  
Contemplated  
Imagined  
Pondered

## Took

Abducted  
Borrowed  
Captured  
Clutched  
Confiscated  
Grabbed  
Obtained  
Pocketed  
Seized  
Snagged  
Snatched  
Stole

## Turned

Curved  
Spun  
Twirled  
Twisted

## Use

Operate  
Utilize

## Wanted

Craved  
Desired  
Preferred  
Wished

## Went (quickly)

Blasted  
Bolted  
Bounced  
Chased  
Darted  
Dashed  
Fled  
Galloped  
Hurried  
Hustled  
Jogged  
Jolted  
Leapt  
Raced  
Scampered  
Skipped  
Sped  
Sprinted  
Zapped  
Zigzagged

## Went (slowly)

Crawled  
Crept  
Dragged  
Hobbled  
Limped  
Marched  
Paced  
Roamed  
Shuffled  
Slithered  
Stepped  
Strolled  
Strutted  
Tiptoeed  
Trudged  
Ventured  
Wandered  
Wobbled