

WWBAT use precise language in their written responses by evaluating if there is a more academic or precise word to use

Notes

Introduction: Watch Ms. ____ read over this essay and swap out the boring adjectives and adverbs with ones that are more precise as well as identify any words that have been incorrectly added.

The character in the poem, “Home,” has feelings that change. For example, at first the character comes home tired and becomes sad because he can’t sleep. This shows that the character in the poem has feelings that change throughout the poem.

Guided Practice: You and your teammate should read the following paragraph and make revisions based on precise language.

The character in “The Quest of the Silver Fleece” has feelings that change throughout the story because at the beginning he was looking around and discovered a lot of things, but at the end the character is interested to it.

Finished early? Use precise language to revise the following paragraph.

The character in the poem, “Home,” has feelings that change throughout the poem. In the beginning, the speaker was very happy to come home and sleep....towards the end of the poem, the speaker was afraid. One example that shows this is, “From wall to basin, round the room, all night I could not sleep.” This shows the speaker was afraid because he felt uncomfortable now after seeing the imaginary woman.

Comment [s]: WHAT

- swapped out for more precise or colorful words
- should be swapped out with more precise words when restating quotes or analyzing pieces of evidence as they relate back to an assertion

Comment [s]: Hmm. Today I am looking for precise language and I already notice that the word “sad” is not very precise. do I want to just add in another word that is an exaggerated example of my boring word? NO (false start) it is better to go back to the text to see what is a more precise word, not just one that has more emotion. So, in the poem, I see that the man stands a moment “fierce and still.”

Comment [s]: There are actually no precise words here. Scholars should change the assertion to say at the beginning he is afraid or fearful (can take from the text because it’s so precise). At the end he is enthralled by the music or curious- excited isn’t a precise word so it shouldn’t be used

Comment [s]: relieved, comfortable, tired, not HAPPY (not precise enough)

Comment [s]: haunted is more precise- or even uncomfortable (which is used by the author at the end of this paragraph)

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Comment [s]: Kids should have 15 minutes to do this

Independent Practice: For your independent practice, you are going to revise the word choice of your assessment that you took last week.

- Leave words that are precise or accurate to the text
- Revise words that are too broad or exaggerated, or those that don't fit the argument being made about the text

Word I changed	Word I changed it to	Rationale (Why did I change it?)

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Comment [s]: departed, lonely, hopeless

Comment [s]: he is enthralled by the music, he becomes interested in the music, his mood lightens, he changes his mindset, etc

Exit Ticket

Directions: Read the paragraph below and swap out the less precise words with ones that match the prompt or are accurate to what the assertion is saying.

The character in “The Quest of the Silver Fleece” feels sad in the beginning of his journey and his feelings change by listening to music. In the text it says, “...red gleams of warmth and wild cheer.” This shows how when the character listens to music, he is very joyful and his feelings change.

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Only one or two words were swapped out with more precise words, or the scholar simply replaced words randomly	Only half of the words that are not precise enough were replaced with more precise versions of that word	Words were replaced with more precise words, yet there were words taken out that did not need to be, OR at least one of the words added was clearly the first word that came to the scholar’s mind	The words that were too vague were swapped out for more precise ones—yet none of the words that were just right were taken out