

Word Choice II

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Look at the following examples. How are they different from each other? How have the words in dark type been changed?

I. Luis works in a very **modern** factory. The building is new and modern, and it has all the most **modern** equipment.

II. Luis works in a very **modern** factory. The building is **new**, and it has all the most **up-to-date** equipment.

Sometimes you repeat individual words unnecessarily, especially when you are adding supporting details to the main idea. If your main idea is that the factory is modern, you want the details to tell how that the factory is modern. The trick is not to keep repeating the word **modern**. Sometimes you can take it out altogether. Sometimes you need to find a **synonym** as a substitute.

Directions: Read each sentence below and replace the repeated word with a synonym. Remember that you can either take out a repeated word or find a synonym to use instead. There is more than one way to rewrite each item.

1. I remember August 14 best of all because it was a **perfect** day. The weather was sunny and **perfect**, and the beach looked **perfect** as we stepped onto the sand.

2. A **terrible** disaster occurred. It is hard to imagine anything more **terrible**. Robert had made a **terrible** mistake.

3. Next year will be very **important**. It will be filled with **important** decisions. The **important** steps I take then will affect the rest of my life.

4. This article contains **good** ideas for saving money. It explains a **good**, easy way to find bargains when you shop. It also has some **good** tips on putting your money to work for you.
