

Vocabulary in Your Writing: Review

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Understanding Nuance and Precision

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Answer the following questions based on the lesson about vocabulary in your writing.

1. What is the main purpose of using precise vocabulary in writing?

- A. To make writing longer
- B. To create clearer images
- C. To confuse the reader

2. What makes a word 'vague'? Provide an example of a vague word and its specific alternative.

3. Good writers are ___ about their vocabulary choices.

4. Replacing vague words can make writing more interesting and engaging.

- True False

5. Which of the following is an example of a specific word replacing a vague word?

- A. Happy - Joyful
- B. Sad - Unhappy
- C. Car - Vehicle

6. How can we make our writing more exciting? List two strategies you learned.

7. Proverbs 15:23 teaches us that a man has joy in an ___ answer.

8. Using precise vocabulary has no effect on the clarity of writing.

- True False

9. What did you learn about the importance of word choice in communication?

- A. It doesn't matter what words we use
- B. Choosing the right words can improve understanding
- C. All words are equally effective

10. Reflect on a sentence from your writing. What vague word did you replace and what was the new word? How did it change the sentence?

Answer Key

1. To create clearer images 2. A vague word lacks detail and clarity. For example, the word 'nice' is vague. A specific alternative could be 'wonderful' or 'delightful'. 3. intentional 4. True 5. Happy - Joyful 6. We can make our writing more exciting by using a thesaurus to find precise words and by revising our drafts to include more descriptive language. 7. apt 8. False 9. Choosing the right words can improve understanding 10. I replaced 'good' with 'excellent' in my sentence. It changed the meaning to show that something was not just good, but outstanding, making it more impactful.