Lesson 2

Choosing Precise Words

Specific nouns, verbs, and modifiers will bring your writing to life. Replace general words with concrete or descriptive words whenever possible.

Using Specific Words

Rewrite each of the following sentences, replacing the italicized word with a more vivid sensory word.

1. Rico's tired shoulders drooped as he **walked** home.

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2. The brakes **sounded** when the car came to a halt.

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3. The spilled sugar felt **nasty** under my feet.

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4. The gardener plucked several **red** flowers.

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5. Amy winced at the **scent** of rotten meat.

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6. Did you hear the **noise** when the big mirror fell?

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7. A calling hawk **flew** into view.

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8. We heard the **sound** of a hungry coyote in the distance.

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9. This salad dressing tastes **bad.**

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10. The blue parrot **spoke** all night long.

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11. Lupe **leaned** against the old door at the back of the room.

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12. The large snake **went** under the porch.

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CHAPTER 17