

Word Choice for Effect

Name: _____

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Quick Review

Writers pick words on purpose. A “strong wind” feels different from a “gentle breeze.”
Choose vivid words to help the reader SEE, HEAR, and FEEL what you mean.

PRACTICE

Choose the **BEST** word for the effect described.

1. Which word makes the sentence sound the **SCARIEST**?

The wind _____ through the empty house.

- A. moved
- B. blew
- C. howled
- D. passed

2. Which word makes the sentence sound the most **PEACEFUL**?

The water _____ in the calm pond.

- A. crashed
- B. splashed
- C. rippled
- D. boomed

3. Which word **BEST** shows that the meal was tasty?

- A. “The pizza was okay.”
- B. “The pizza was delicious.”
- C. “The pizza was there.”
- D. “The pizza was a food.”

4. Which sentence creates the strongest **PICTURE**?

- A. The dog moved fast.
- B. The dog raced like a rocket toward the door.
- C. The dog went over there.
- D. The dog did stuff.



5. Which word would you choose to make a character sound POLITE?
- A. "Hand me the salt."
 - B. "Could you please pass the salt?"
 - C. "Give me salt now."
 - D. "Salt!"
6. Which word fits best in: *The fire _____ in the cold cabin.* (cozy mood)
- A. raged
 - B. exploded
 - C. crackled
 - D. destroyed
7. Which word would BEST describe a quiet person?
- A. loud
 - B. soft-spoken
 - C. yelling
 - D. noisy
8. Read: "*He _____ the heavy box up the stairs.*" Which word shows the most effort?
- A. took
 - B. moved
 - C. lugged
 - D. carried
9. Which sentence shows EXCITEMENT BEST?
- A. She finished her project.
 - B. She was happy that she finished.
 - C. She leaped up and shouted, "I finished my project!"
 - D. She was done.
10. Rewrite this sentence to make it more vivid: *The man walked into the room.*



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 A B C D
- 9 A B C D
- 10

Explanations

1. C	Howled adds an eerie, scary sound. Moved/passed are flat; blew is mild.
2. C	Rippled = quiet, calm motion. The others are loud or violent.
3. B	Delicious shares the feeling. The others are flat.
4. B	B uses a vivid verb + simile. The others are vague.
5. B	Polite tone uses "please" and a request, not a command.
6. C	Crackled fits a small, cozy fire. The others suggest danger.
7. B	Soft-spoken fits a quiet person. The others are opposites.
8. C	Lugged emphasizes weight and struggle. The others are weaker.
9. C	C uses vivid verb + dialogue + exclamation. The others are flat.
10.	Answer: Examples: "The tall man strode quietly into the dim room." / "The man stomped into the room, slamming the door." Any rewrite that uses stronger verbs and/or descriptive details.



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