

# Revising Checklist for Word Choice

- ☐ I found some strong words or phrases to highlight. AND . . .
- ☐ I underlined words and phrases I need to revise.
- ☐ I found my OWN way to say things. I avoided tired, overused expressions.

\_\_\_\_\_ rated my writing for Word Choice:

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- ☐ Three verbs that really work in my writing: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I used sensory details to help readers experience \_\_\_\_\_ sights, \_\_\_\_\_ sounds, \_\_\_\_\_ feelings, \_\_\_\_\_ smells, \_\_\_\_\_ tastes.
- ☐ I crossed out clutter (~~words I did not need~~).
- ☐ I know the meaning of *every word I used*. OR, I need to look these words up:  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ I replaced ALL general words like *nice, good, great, or wonderful* with specific, descriptive words that show an insider's understanding of this topic.
- ☐ If I used any NEW words, I made sure the meaning was clear.
- ☐ I spelled my words correctly so readers would know which words I meant.

**Note** The words you choose make a bridge of meaning from you to your reader. Did you take time to make the BEST choices you could? Would readers learn any new words from your writing—or is there a phrase or two that might linger in their minds?