

## EXACT TEKS WORDING (FROM TEA)

*“revise drafts to improve sentence structure and word choice by adding, deleting, combining, and rearranging ideas for coherence and clarity”*

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

Authors choose each word on purpose to say exactly what they mean.

When I notice a strong word, I ask what it shows and why the author chose it.

Choosing precise words makes my own writing clear and interesting.

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

**Precise Verbs**

from “**Making it Happen**”

A precise verb tells exactly how an action happens, so the reader can picture it.

This deck teaches **word choice** across the five RPLD thinking levels:

**NOTICE → CHOOSE → SHOW → OWN → DEFEND.**

### TODAY'S THINKING JOB

# NOTICE

**“I can notice a precise verb.”**

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## Notice the precise verb.

Read this sentence from the passage. Find the precise verb the author chose.

**“Aaliyah raises her hand.”**

**I CAN** I can notice the precise verb an author chooses.

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**CHOOSE**

**“I can choose the strongest word.”**

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**Choose the strongest word.**

Read the sentence. Which word is the author's precise verb?

**“Her friends started telling other people about them. Soon she was selling lots of bracelets.”**

**A. started   B. selling   C. lots**

**I CAN** I can choose the precise verb and explain how I know.

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**SHOW**

"I can explain what a word shows."

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**Show what the word does.**

What does the underlined word help the reader understand?

"Her friends started telling other people about them. Soon she was selling lots of bracelets."

**I CAN** I can explain what the author's word helps the reader picture or feel.

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## OWN

"I can revise with a stronger word."

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**Own it. Revise a sentence.**

Revise the plain sentence. Replace the vague verb with a precise verb.

**Plain sentence: The girl got money from making crafts.**

**Replace the word got with a stronger word.**

**I CAN** I can revise a plain sentence by choosing a stronger word.

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# DEFEND

"I can explain why the author chose a word."

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## Defend the author's choice.

Why did the author choose serve instead of help?

"I bought shelves, products, and supplies. Then I worked hard to serve my customers."

Why serve and not help?

**I CAN** I can explain why an author's word choice is better than a plain word.

### Find a precise verb on your own.

Go back to the passage. Find one more precise verb. Copy the words and explain what they show.

**Go back to the reading.**

**Find one more precise verb.**

**Copy the exact words. Then explain what the word shows  
and why the author chose it.**

**I CAN** I can find a precise verb and explain the author's choice.

## Answers, across the five thinking levels.

**NOTICE**

raises. Raises shows Aaliyah lifting her hand up high because she has a question to ask.

**CHOOSE**

B. selling. It is the action word, and it tells exactly how the action happens.

**SHOW**

Selling tells exactly what the cousin did with the bracelets: exchanging them for money.

**OWN**

Answers vary. One strong revision: The girl earned money from making crafts.

**DEFEND**

Serve shows that Mr. Patel gives careful, devoted attention to his customers. The plain word help does not show the dedication and care of running a business.

**YOUR TURN**

Answers vary. One example: “Aaliyah keeps thinking about the conversation. She wonders how many businesses and inventions started as simple ideas.” The word wonders works well. Wonders shows Aaliyah.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

**MRS. CHEN:** That's another important lesson. Persistence matters.

**What does the word 'persistence' help the reader understand?**

- A** People who keep trying even after failing may eventually succeed.
- B** People should always finish tasks as quickly as possible.
- C** People should wait for help before starting something new.
- D** People need money before they can begin a project.

## The answer is **A**.

- A** **People who keep trying even after failing may eventually succeed.**  
Correct. Persistence means continuing to work toward a goal even when things are difficult.
- B** **People should always finish tasks as quickly as possible.**  
Persistence is about not giving up, not about speed.
- C** **People should wait for help before starting something new.**  
Persistence means working through problems, not waiting for others.
- D** **People need money before they can begin a project.**  
Persistence is about determination, not about having money first.