

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 “**From Tension to Revolution**”

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.

“Great Britain eventually repealed, or canceled, the Stamp Act.”

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?

“Many colonists celebrated because they believed their protests had worked.”

A. celebrated B. Many C. colonists

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?

“Many colonists celebrated because they believed their protests had worked.”

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 leaders got together to talk.

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 fired instead of attacked?

“British soldiers fired into a crowd of colonists, killing several people.”

Why fired and not attacked?

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

repealed. Repealed is the precise legal term for officially undoing a law, more exact than ended or stopped.

CHOOSE

A. celebrated. It is the action word, and it tells exactly how the action happens.

SHOW

Celebrated tells exactly how the colonists responded with joy, not just that they were happy.

OWN

Answers vary. One strong revision: The leaders gathered together to talk.

DEFEND

Fired tells the reader the soldiers used guns. The plain word attacked could mean any kind of violence and does not give the same clear picture.

YOUR TURN

Answers vary. One example: “Merchants agreed not to buy certain British goods.” The word agreed works well. Agreed tells exactly how the merchants made a joint decision together, not just that they.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

Colonists in different places sent food, supplies, and support to Boston. They began to understand that one colony's problem could become every colony's problem.

Which word could replace 'sent' and keep almost the same meaning?

A purchased

B requested

C described

D delivered

The answer is **D**.

- A purchased**
Purchased means to buy. It does not mean to deliver items to another place.
- B requested**
Requested means to ask for something, not to give it.
- C described**
Described means to tell about something. The colonists were giving real goods.
- D delivered**
Correct. The colonists moved food and supplies to Boston, which is what delivered means.