

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 “A Voice in the Community”

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.

“A town might repair a playground, add a stop sign, or create a new program because community members shared their ideas.”

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?

“People can question an idea without attacking the person who supports it.”

A. question B. attacking C. person

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?

“People can question an idea without attacking the person who supports it.”

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 people looked at the information.

Replace the word looked 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 guessed instead of thought?

“Careful reading helps people make choices based on what is known rather than what is guessed.”

Why guessed and not thought?

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

repair. Repair names the exact action of fixing something broken, instead of a plain verb like change.

CHOOSE

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

SHOW

Question tells exactly how people challenge and examine an idea by asking about it carefully.

OWN

Answers vary. One strong revision: The people examined the information.

DEFEND

Guessed shows people choosing without evidence. The plain word thought does not show that the idea was never checked against facts.

YOUR TURN

Answers vary. One example: “A problem may not be solved after one meeting, one vote, or one letter.” The word solved works well. Solved tells exactly the action of finding an answer and fixing a.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

Rumors and incomplete stories can make issues confusing. Before sharing a claim, people can check where the information came from and whether other trusted sources support it.

The word 'trusted' helps the reader understand that sources should be

- A** reliable and known to provide accurate information
- B** the first ones found during a search
- C** the ones that agree with a person's own opinion
- D** the most exciting or interesting to read

The answer is **A**.

A

reliable and known to provide accurate information

Correct. Trusted means the source has a good record of being truthful and accurate.

B

the first ones found during a search

Trusted does not mean first. It means dependable and proven accurate.

C

the ones that agree with a person's own opinion

Trusted means reliable, not that it matches someone's existing belief.

D

the most exciting or interesting to read

Trusted means accurate and dependable, not entertaining.