

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 Protest to Participation: How a Nation Changes**”

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.

“Laws can be written, challenged, or replaced.”

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?

“Merchants participated in boycotts by refusing to purchase certain British goods.”

A. refusing B. Merchants C. participated

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?

“Merchants participated in boycotts by refusing to purchase certain British goods.”

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 citizens did something about the unfair law.

Replace the word did 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 produced instead of made?

"Families produced more goods at home rather than buying imported products."

Why produced and not made?

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

challenged. Challenged tells exactly how people questioned and pushed against laws, not simply that they disagreed.

CHOOSE

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

SHOW

Refusing tells exactly how merchants actively said no to buying, showing a deliberate choice.

OWN

Answers vary. One strong revision: The citizens protested the unfair law.

DEFEND

Produced shows families creating goods on purpose to replace British products. The plain word made sounds small and does not show the planned effort.

YOUR TURN

Answers vary. One example: “They traded with Britain, followed British laws, and depended on British military protection.” The word traded works well. Traded shows the colonists exchanging goods with.

READ THIS PASSAGE EXCERPT.

A nation can change in many ways. Borders can move. New inventions can transform daily life.

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

A describe

B interrupt

C measure

D reshape

The answer is **D**.

A

describe

Describe means to tell about something. Transform means to completely change it.

B

interrupt

Interrupt means to stop briefly. Transform means to change something entirely.

C

measure

Measure means to find the size of something. It does not mean to change it.

D

reshape

Correct. Reshape means to change the form of something, which matches how inventions change daily life.