

RUBRIC FOR WORD CHOICE

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| 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every word contributes to the main message.• My verbs are powerful and give the writing energy and life.• Sensory words and phrases paint a clear, vivid picture in the reader's mind.• I got rid of any clutter. Every word counts. |
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most of my words and phrases are clear.• I used a lot of strong verbs.• I used sensory words to help paint pictures in the reader's mind.• I got rid of most clutter. I don't think it's a problem. |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My words are usually clear. The reader can figure out my main idea.• I used some strong verbs. I guess I could use more.• Some of my words paint pictures. Some are vague or general.• My writing has some clutter. I could cut some words or phrases. |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My word choice is unclear in many places. The reader might guess my main idea.• I think I have some verbs, I am sure I need more.• The reader might be able to picture what I am taking about if he or she works at it.• My writing is cluttered. I used too many words. I did not need, or else my descriptions are too sketchy. |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My words are very unclear. I did not always know the meaning myself.• I do not know for sure whether I used verbs. I am not sure what a verb is.• When I read this aloud, I think it's hard to picture what I am talking about.• I do not know for sure whether I used too many words or not enough words, I just wrote. |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My words are hard to understand. They are vague – or I just guessed which word to use.• I do not know whether I used verbs. What is a verb?• When I read this aloud, a lot of the words do not make sense to me.• Maybe I used too many words. Maybe I used the wrong words. I don't know. |