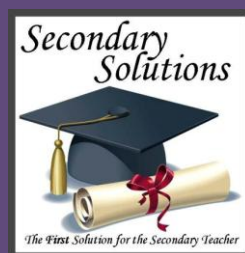


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Finding the right verbs can be absolutely critical to making your writing stand out. The following is a list of vivid verbs that can be used in your writing to replace words that are considered “dead” or boring. The word “vivid” means “bright” or “full of life.” Rather than **said, did, do, be, is, are, were**, etc., try using these vivid verbs below.

If you are not absolutely sure what a word means, be sure to look it up so that you know your sentences will make sense. Remember, just because you have used “big” words does not mean your writing is good—those words must be used correctly in order for your reader to enjoy your writing.

abandon	brandish	creep	drool	flee
abuse	breed	croon	dwell	flick
accost	bribe	crush	edge	flinch
advance	bully	cultivate	elevate	flirt
advocate	cackle	dart	eliminate	flutter
agonize	cajole	dash	encourage	fortify
alarm	canter	dawdle	endure	fritter
amuse	capture	debase	engage	furnish
annihilate	careen	decline	engorge	gain
assault	chant	decrease	enlighten	gallop
attack	charm	dedicate	enrapture	gaze
awaken	chase	deify	ensnare	glorify
baffle	chastise	desecrate	entertain	goad
bank	chuck	destroy	escalate	grant
bawl	clamor	deter	escape	graze
bequeath	clutch	devour	escort	grip
bereave	coerce	diminish	evade	growl
bestow	collapse	disarm	excite	gush
blame	combat	dissect	exclaim	hack
bolster	compete	dissolve	exploit	hamper
bolt	concoct	disturb	fail	hasten
bombard	conquer	dominate	fetch	heave
boogie	contradict	drag	filch	hike
boost	corner	dribble	flatter	hinder
bound	crawl	drift	flaunt	humble

Name _____ Period _____

hurdle	patronize	scurry	sprint	thwart
impede	pilfer	scuttle	spy	tickle
incline	plague	seduce	squander	tolerate
increase	plod	seep	squirm	torment
incriminate	plummet	seize	stagger	toss
interpret	pounce	separate	stalk	totter
jerk	prevail	shake	stand	trickle
jiggle	propel	shiver	startle	triumph
jostle	purloin	shoot	steal	tromp
journey	quake	shrink	stitch	twirl
justify	quiver	sink	stray	twist
lambaste	ram	slam	streak	twitch
linger	rebuff	slink	strengthen	tyrannize
lodge	recoil	smash	stroll	waltz
loiter	redact	sneak	suffer	weep
lumber	rejoice	snicker	support	whimper
lurch	renounce	snivel	suppress	whine
mangle	resist	snort	swagger	whirl
manipulate	revolve	snub	swallow	whitewash
march	ridicule	soar	sway	wield
mock	rip	sob	swerve	wiggle
mosey	rotate	soothe	swoop	wobble
nudge	salvage	speed	sympathize	woo
nurture	saunter	spin	taunt	yield
obliterate	scamper	split	tease	
obstruct	scatter	splurge	thrash	
overthrow	scramble	spring	thrust	