

WORD CHOICE:

MINI LESSON 1

What Is It?

What is it exactly?

- Using _____ words in the writing

How can I do this?

- SNT- _____
- Use a thesaurus, but make sure the word you pick sound natural

Helping Checklist:

- Do the words make sense in my writing?
- Does the reader of my writing _____ what is written?
- Have I used DESCRIPTIVE words?
- Do the words sound _____ to the piece I used?

Rating Writing Pieces:

1. "Mother Is Nice" Rating: _____ Grade Level: _____

Provide Evidence: _____

2. "My Most Rewarding Moment" Rating: _____ Grade Level: _____

Provide Evidence: _____

3. "A&W" Rating: _____ Grade Level: _____

Provide Evidence: _____

Rating Writing Pieces



Words convey the intended message in an interesting and natural way. The words are powerful and engaging.

- *No dead words are used
- *Full of sparkle words
- *Uses only strong verbs
- *Figurative language is used to help description, not confuse the reader



The words are functional, even if it lacks energy. Words rarely capture the reader's attention.

- *Some words may be over-thesaurused
- *Uses a few dead words, and still needs more sparkle words
- *Some usages of figurative language confuses the reader



The writer has a limited vocabulary and has not searched for words with pizzazz.

- *All words are dead words or over-thesaurused
- *No sparkle words are used
- *No figurative language was attempted to enhance detail