

Powerful alternatives

Powerful verbs are more descriptive verbs and sentences will give more effective description

Example: He **ran** down the road and **asked** for help

The common verbs in bold can be replaced to make the sentences more descriptive

Example: He **sprinted** down the road and **requested** for help.

1. Match the pairs of common and more powerful verbs.

Said ate fly leave took

Depart snatched gobbled replied soar

2. Find the word in the box that fits the clue. Each word is a powerful alternative for the word said.

i) Said helpfully _____

- Exclaimed
- Mumbled
- Whispered
- Shouted
- Yelled
- Sobbed
- Stammered
- Suggested

ii) Said unclearly

- Mumbled
- Whispered

iii) Said quietly

• Chanted

iv) Said nervously

- Yelled

v) Said with tears in her eyes

- Sobbed

vi) Said excitedly

• Stammered

viii) Said furiously

- Suggested

viii) Said loudly