

**EXAM****AUTHOR'S STYLE** → **WORD CHOICE**

An author's **word choice** refers to his or her selection of particular words to convey meaning and to express specific ideas and attitudes.

Like writers of fiction and poetry, nonfiction writers also use **vivid language**, or strong, precise words. Using **strong verbs** and **precise adjectives** helps readers picture descriptions and actions and makes the writing more interesting.

Example, the sentence

*A big dog went by.*

*An enormous dog with curly black hair trotted down the gravel driveway.*

**A. DIRECTIONS: SELECT THE STRONG VERBS AND PRECISE ADJECTIVES.**

**1. *The game* was cancelled, so Jake was *sad*.**

- A. The game was cancelled, so Jake was extremely sad.
- B. The championship was cancelled, causing Jake to feel immense hectic.
- C. The championship was canceled, causing Jake to feel immense disappointed.

**2. While *walking* to school, I *saw a bear*.**

- A. While walking to school, I noticed a big bear.
- B. While casually strolling to school, I noticed a large, black bear lumbering across the street toward me!
- C. While walking to school, I was a bear.

**3. Jose was *happy to go on the trip*.**

- A. Jose was brimming with excitement at the idea of traveling to the enormous city.
- B. Jose was happy to go on the trip.
- C. Jose was brimming at the idea of traveling.

**4. Belinda *walked* on *the beach*.**

- A. On a sunny day, Belinda walked on the beach.
- B. On a bright, sunny day, Belinda casually strolled barefoot on the warm sand of the beach, overlooking the calm waves of the ocean.
- C. On a bright, sunny day, Belinda walked on the beach.

**5. Axel *wanted to go to the concert* because he *liked the band*.**

- A. Axel wanted to go to the concert because he really liked the band.
- B. Axel wanted to go to the concert because he was obsessed with the band.
- C. Axel was elated to go venture off to the concert because he was obsessed with the band.

**B. DIRECTIONS: WRITE THE STRONG VERBS OR DEFINE ADJECTIVES.**

1. Sad \_\_\_\_\_
2. Walking to school \_\_\_\_\_
3. Saw \_\_\_\_\_
4. Happy to go \_\_\_\_\_
5. Walk on the beach \_\_\_\_\_
6. Excited \_\_\_\_\_
7. Like \_\_\_\_\_