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 _____