

Characterisation

Why have a dog and bark yourself!

OTHER WAYS TO SAY...

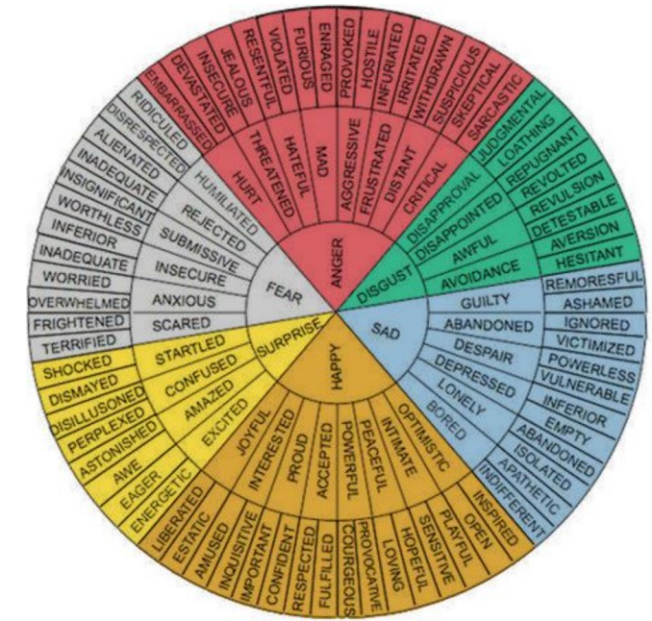
| nice | good | bad | sad | happy |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| enjoyable pleasurable thoughtful courteous lovely likeable glorious congenial cordial admirable considerate | excellent amazing wonderful pleasant marvelous exceptional fantastic super outstanding terrific splendid stupendous | awful rotten naughty mean dreadful nasty wicked terrible unpleasant disagreeable wretched | depressed gloomy miserable cheerless unhappy gloomy foul sorrowful upset downcast fearful somber | cheerful delighted pleased glad joyful ecstatic content jovial amused merry thrilled elated |
| laughed | like | said | big | little |
| giggled chuckled roared howled whooped snickered guffawed shrieked grinned cockled bellowed chortled | admire approve adore treasure fancy marvel appreciate respect cherish fond boasted enjoy | commented replied remarked declared stated exclaimed shouted respect announced responded boasted explained | huge giant gigantic enormous large massive colossal immense | small tiny petite miniature leaky itsy-bitsy minuscule mini minute microscopic tremendous jumbo wee |
| ran | walked | pretty | looked | scared |
| bailed sped hurried sprinted logged rushed galloped hustled skipped raced dashed fled | strolled sauntered lilted trotted marched glided strutted shuffled crept treaded hiked paraded | beautiful gorgeous appealing cute lovely exquisite attractive elegant handsome stunning fair dazzling | gazed examined glanced viewed observed peeked stared watched inspected spied studied noticed | afraid frightened spooked horried startled fearful alarmed anxious ghastly alarmed terrified shaken |

Active Verb Cheatsheet 115 Words for "Walks"

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|------------|
| accompanies | legs | shuffles |
| advances | limps | skips |
| ambles | locomotes | slinks |
| ambulates | loiters | slithers |
| ankles | lurches | dogs |
| approaches | marches | sprints |
| barge | meanders | sneaks |
| boots | minces | stalks |
| bounces | mopes | steps |
| brushes | moseys | side-steps |
| bursts | careens | stomps |
| caners | canter | strides |
| clumps | paces | strolls |
| crawls | pads | struts |
| creeps | parades | stumbles |
| dances | parades | stalks |
| darts | patrols | stagers |
| dashes | perambulates | stomps |
| dawdles | pitter-patters | swagger |
| escorts | potatoes | stumps |
| exercises | plods | tiptoes |
| falters | prances | toddles |
| flounders | proceeds | totters |
| flounders | processes | tours |
| flounders | promenades | tramps |
| flounders | prows | traverses |
| flounders | races | treads |
| flounders | rambles | treks |
| flounders | reels | troops |
| flounders | rooms | trots |
| flounders | roves | trudges |
| flounders | hastens | runs |
| flounders | hikes | rushes |
| flounders | hobbles | wanders |
| flounders | hops | waddles |
| flounders | hoofs it | scrambles |
| flounders | hurries | scuffs |
| flounders | jogs | scurries |
| flounders | knocks about | shambles |
| flounders | leads | |

45 Ways to avoid using the word 'very'

| Avoid saying very | Rather say | Avoid saying very | Rather say |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|
| afraid | terrified | neat | immaculate |
| angry | furious | old | ancient |
| bad | atrocious | poor | destitute |
| beautiful | exquisite | pretty | beautiful |
| big | immense | quiet | silent |
| bright | dazzling | risky | perilous |
| capable | accomplished | roomy | spacious |
| clean | spotless | rude | vulgar |
| clever | brilliant | serious | solemn |
| cold | freezing | small | tiny |
| conventional | conservative | strong | unyielding |
| dirty | squalid | stupid | idiotic |
| dry | parched | tasty | delicious |
| cager | keen | thin | gaunt |
| fast | quick | tired | exhausted |
| fierce | ferocious | ugly | hideous |
| good | superb | valuable | precious |
| happy | joyful | weak | feeble |
| hot | scalding | wet | soaked |
| hungry | ravenous | wicked | villainous |
| large | colossal | wise | sagacious |
| lively | vivacious | worried | anxious |
| loved | adored | | |



Alternatives for Top 30 Overused Words

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|------------------|--|
| A lot: | copious, myriad, several, plentiful, countless, numerous. |
| Amazing/Awesome: | fascinating, incredible, wonderful, stunning, marvellous, astonishing. |
| Also: | in addition to, besides, moreover, as well as, furthermore, additionally. |
| Bad: | deficient, inferior, dreadful, atrocious, unacceptable, dissatisfactory, erroneous. |
| Big: | considerable, vast, colossal, extensive, substantial, immense, ample, copious. |
| Change: | transform, modify, revise, switch, transition, adjust, alter, rework. |
| Definitely: | absolutely, undeniably, positively, doubtless, plainly, surely, specifically. |
| Easy: | uncomplicated, effortless, straightforward, adept, amiable, responsive. |
| Fine: | outstanding, exceptional, magnificent, well-made, admirable, first-rate. |
| Get: | acquire, obtain, accomplish, attain, extort, extract, glean, secure, procure. |
| Give: | bestow, relinquish, permit, award, bequeath, dispense, administer, contribute. |
| Good: | satisfying, stupendous, proficient, valuable, acceptable, worthy, congenial. |
| Great: | excellent, exceptional, first-rate, unmitigated, proficient, marvellous, expert. |
| Happy: | contented, jubilant, ecstatic, elated, overjoyed, captivated, upbeat, gratified. |
| Hard: | arduous, troublesome, demanding, strenuous, onerous, exacting, complicated. |
| Help: | advice, guidance, remedy, corrective, assist, service, assist, cooperation, comfort. |
| Important: | crucial, significant, essential, critical, meaningful, vital, far-reaching, imperative. |
| Interesting: | engaging, stimulating, captivating, compelling, absorbing, meaningful, notable. |
| Keep: | retain, preserve, possess, manage, amass, conserve, detain, garner, control. |
| Know: | experience, comprehend, be acquainted, distinguish, differentiate, realise, discern. |
| Like (adj): | similar, comparable, related, corresponding, equivalent, resembling, equal. |
| Like (verb): | enjoy, relish, admire, cherish, regard, extol, appreciate, commend, respect. |
| Look: | glimpse, contemplate, survey, inspection, glance, attention, glance, review. |
| Nice: | gracious, pleasurable, charming, amiable, well-mannered, genial, pleasing, seemly. |
| Quite: | considerably, absolutely, thoroughly, in all respects, utterly, all in all, purely. |
| Really: | literally, genuinely, categorically, in effect, unquestionably, undoubtedly, honestly. |
| Said: | announced, expressed, uttered, revealed, described, disclosed, divulged, intimated. |
| So: | apparently, accordingly, likewise, similarly, consequently, hence, provided that. |
| Then: | suddenly, formerly, in that event, subsequently, appropriately, as a consequence. |
| Very: | profoundly, extremely, truly, greatly, notably, prominently, suitably, immensely, vitally. |

Emotions - Feelings Word Vocabulary

| Intensity | Happy | Sad | Angry | Scared | Confused | | | |
|-----------|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| Strong | ecstatic elated energized enthusiastic excited exuberant jubilant loved marvelous terrific thrilled uplifted | crushed defeated dejected depressed devastated disgraced drained exhausted helpless hopeless hurt rejected terrible unloved unwanted discarded | sorrowful uncared for worthless wounded burdened condemned demoralized deserted dreadful empty grievous humbled miserable mourful pitiful | abused exploited fuming mad patronized fearful spiteful throttled used vindictive | afraid appalled desperate dread fearful frantic horrific intimidated overwhelmed panicky petrified shocked terrified tormented vulnerable | bewildered constricted directionless flustered stagnant trapped | | |
| | Mid | admired alive amused appreciated assured cheerful confident delighted determined encouraged fulfilled grateful gratified joyful justified optimistic proud relieved resolved respected valued | ashamed alienated disappointed discouraged disheartened disillusioned dismal distant distressed inadequate isolated lonely neglected slighted unappreciated upset | abandoned alienated degraded deprived dissatisfied drained frustrated harassed islanded resigned sighted wasted | aggravated annoyed angry controlled disgusted exasperated frustrated harassed infantilized irritated offended peevish resentful ridiculed smothered stifled | alarmed awkward defensive doubtful guarded insecure shaken skeptical startled stunned suspicious tense threatened uneasy | ambivalent disorganized doubtful foggy hesitant misunderstood perplexed puzzled troubled | |
| | | Weak | content flattered fortunate glad good hopeful peaceful pleased relaxed satisfied | apathetic bad deflated disenchanted lost sorry | dismayed displeased tolerant upright | anxious concerned doubtful impatient nervous perplexed reluctant shy timid unsure | bothered distracted surprised uncertain uncomfortable undecided unsettled unsure | |



- lay eye's on**
- Feast one's eyes**
to look at something with great interest
- bug out**
if someone's eyes bug out, they open very wide, for example because the person is shocked by something
- pout**
to push out your lips in order to look more sexually attractive
- suck your teeth**
to pull your lips together when you are thinking about something or feel doubtful about it
- wink**
to quickly close and open one eye as a sign to someone, for example a sign that what you have just said is a joke, or a secret
- furrow**
if your brow furrows, or if you furrow it, deep lines appear on your forehead, for example because you are concentrating or worrying
- curl your lip**
to pull your top lip upwards at one side in a way that shows that you are annoyed, bored, or do not respect someone
- scowl**
to twist your face into an expression that shows you are angry
- screw up**
if you screw up your face, you pull your forehead down and push your mouth and nose up, usually to show that you dislike something
- glower**
to look angrily at someone

INSTEAD OF 'LOOK' USE

| | | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Stare | Attention | Eye | Glance | Glimpse | Peek |
| Review | View | Behold | Case | Cast | Contemplation |
| Flash | Gander | Gaze | Gun | Inspection | Introspection |
| Leer | Marking | Noticing | Observation | Once-over | Reconnaissance |
| Regard | Regarding | Scrutiny | Sight | Slant | Speculation |
| Squint | Surveillance | Survey | Swivel | Viewing | Evil eye |
| Keeping watch | Look-see | Disregard | Ignore | Neglect | Address |
| Regard | Judge | Sneer | Grimace | Simper | Smirk |
| Pout | Smile | Scowl | Glower | Frown | Beam |
| Bore | Eyeball | Focus | Get a load of | Get an eyeful | Give the eye |
| Glare | Gloat | Goggle | Look | Ogle | Peer |
| Rubberneck | Size up | Take in | Wonder | Yawp | Scrutiny |
| Watch | Seeing | Admire | Contemplate | Inspect | Look fixedly |
| Moon | Observe | Peep | Pin | Pipe | Size up |
| Glimpse | Shine | Trace | Twinkle | Glimmer | Glimmer |
| Scowl | Sulk | Look daggers | Gloom | Audit | Check |
| Examine | Explore | Hunt | Inspect | Supervise | Note |
| Baby-sit | Ensure | Leer | Rivet | Blink | Snatch |
| Have a gander | Spy | Discover | Grasp | Sense | Zero in |
| Delve | Inquire | Investigate | Probe | Sift | Search |
| Consider | Leaf through | Rifle | Study | Sweep | Take stock of |
| Comb | Ferret | Forage | Frisk | Grope | Poke into |
| Pry | Quest | Rake | Ransack | Rummage | Scan |
| Detect | Distinguish | Heed | Make out | Notice | Recognize |
| Spot | Witness | Resemble | Indicate | Glaze | Mope |
| Sulk | Do a slow burn | Cloud up | Look askance | | |



Said is dead

...but *how* did they say it?



- Speech Punctuation Checklist**
- Have you...
- Used a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence? *"Mom" said Luke.*
 - Put speech marks around the spoken words? *"Love this song!" exclaimed Marim.*
 - Told the reader which person is speaking? *"Let's go to the shop!" squealed Tim.*
 - Used a synonym for said? *"Can we bring our pets?" asked Tim.*
 - Put punctuation BEFORE the closing speech marks? *"Who's still making a noise?" asked the teacher.*
 - Used the "Law Speaker, the Lisa" Rule? *"It's such a lovely day," said Mom. "Shall we go for a swim in the sea?"*
 - sounds like a great idea? *"agreed Dad."*

Said

called **cried** **exclaimed** **bawled** **roared** **bellowed** **whispered** **stated**

shouted **yelled** **commanded** **hissed** **declared** **asserted** **announced**

demanded **enquired** **ordered** **questioned** **queried** **asked** **muttered** **pronounced**

urged **pleaded** **begged** **answered** **replied** **squealed** **stammered** **professed** **insisted**

responded **gasp** **gabbled** **snarled** **snapped** **commented** **remarked**

stuttered **babbled** **thundered** **ranted** **noted** **observed**

rasped **growled** **mentioned**

Which words would be most useful to describe your noun?

What order would the words come in from most powerful to weakest?

How are these words similar or different from each other?

What interesting sentences can you create using these words?

Said Loudly

Said Quietly

Said Strongly

Said Angrily

Said Casually

Said Unclearly

Said Surprised

Ordered

Questioned

Requested

Said Back

What is Characterisation?

Characterisation is the way an author or a playwright describes or shows what a character is like. It helps to make the characters seem believable or life-like to the reader or audience.

Direct characterisation is when the author tells you directly about the character and their personality.

Usman is wearing ripped pants today. His favourite club is Leeds Utd.
Maryam is a kind and caring classmate.



Indirect characterisation is when the author uses the thoughts, feelings and words of other characters to show you deeper information about the character.

Mr Lammas walked slowly to school with his head down.

The boy had hair that looked like a bowl of noodles. Usman looked down at his ripped pants and smile

What is a Dialogue Tag?

A dialogue tag is a small phrase either before, after, or in the middle of actual dialogue that indicates the speaker. For example:

"Did you get my climate letter?" asked Hanniya.

The phrase "asked Hanniya" is the dialogue tag in the sentence.

Depending on where the dialogue tags are placed, you will need to use different punctuation and capitalisation

Where can tags go?

No tag: "I see."

Standard tag in the front: Sherlock said, "I see."

Standard tag in the middle: "I see," Sherlock said. "I have been misinformed."

Standard tag at the end: "I see," Sherlock said. (or) "I see," said Sherlock.

Where can tags go?

Action tag in the front: Sherlock cleared his throat. "I see."

Action tag in the middle: "I see." Sherlock cleared his throat. "I was misinformed."

Action tag at the end: "I see." Sherlock cleared his throat.

Action combined with a standard tag: Sherlock pointed to the clock and said, "I must be off."