

VOLUME TWO

WORDS USED INSTEAD OF "SAID"

More Common

added
admitted
answered
argued
asked
babbled
bawled
bet
blurted
bragged
bugged
called
cautioned
chatted
cheered
chuckled
coaxed
confessed
corrected
cried
croaked

crowed
dared
decided
declared
demanded
denied
ended
exclaimed
explained
fretted
gaspd
greeted
hinted
informed
insisted
laughed
lied
murmured
muttered
named
nodded

nudged
offered
ordered
panted
pleaded
praised
prayed
promised
questioned
quoted
ranted
reminded
replied
requested
roared
sassed
sighed
smiled
smirked
snickered

stammered
stated
stuttered
suggested
tempted
wailed
wept
whispered
wondered
yelled

WORDS FOR RUN/WALK, LAUGH/CRY, SAD/HAPPY

Walk	Laugh	Cry	Sad	Happy
amble	cackle	bawl	cheerless	blissful
ambulate	chortle	blubber	crestfallen	blithe
lumber	chuckle	howl	dejected	cheerful
meander	crow	moan	depressed	delightful
pace	giggle	sniffle	despondent	ecstatic
plod	grin	snivel	disheartened	elated
prance	guffaw	sob	dismal	exultant
ramble	hoot	wail	dispirited	gay
saunter	howl	weep	downcast	glad
shuffle	roar	whimper	downhearted	gleeful
stagger	smile	whine	forlorn	jolly
step	snicker		joyless	jovial
stride	titter		melancholy	joyful
stroll			miserable	jubilant
strut			pitiabile	lighthearted
swagger			sorrowful	mirthful
totter			sorry	overjoyed
trek			unhappy	sunny
trudge	Run		woebegone	thrilled
	bolt		woeful	tickled
	chase		wretched	
	dart			
	dash			
	flee			
	gallop			
	hurry			
	jog			
	lope			
	race			
	rush			
	scamper			
	scoot			
	scramble			
	scurry			
	scuttle			
	speed			
	sprint			
	tear			
	trot			

SENSORY WORDS

SMELL

acid
bitter
burnt
cinnamon
damp
dry
dusty
earthy
fishy
fragrant
fresh

greasy
irony
mildewed
mouth-watering
musky
musty
pungent
putrid
rancid
reek
rotted

salty/chalky
smokey
sniff
sour
spicy
steamy
stinking
sweaty
sweet
vinegary
woody

TASTE

biting
bitter
bitter-sweet
bland
burnt
charred
cheesy
chewy
chilled
cold
crispy
creamy
crunchy
doughy
fishy
flavorful

fluffy
frozen
fruity
grainy
greasy
gritty
grizzly
hard
hot
juicy
minty
moist
mushy
nutty
peppery
raw

salty
slimy
smooth
soft
sour
spicy
spongy
stale
sweet
syrupy
tangy
tart
tingle
vinegary
warm
watery

SIGHT

angular
ashen
billowing
blaze
blinding
blurry
boiling
bright
brilliant
bulky
bumpy
burning
bushy
clean
clear
cloudy
cluttered
coarse
colorless
carved

flicker
fluffy
flushed
foamy
foggy
fragile
frayed
ghastly
gigantic
glaring
glassy
glimmering
glitter
gloomy
glowing
golden
gorgeous
grainy
handsome
hazy

muscular
narrow
neat
pale
radiance
radiant
rosy
round
rusty
rustic
sandy
shadowy
sheen
shimmer
shiny
shriveled
short
sparkling
square
starry

dark
dazzling
dimness
dingy
distorted
dotted
downy
dripping
dull
dusk
dusty
elegant
fiery
flaming
flashy
flat

TOUCH

abrasive
biting
blunt
boiling
bristly
broiling
bubbly
bulky
bumpy
burning
bushy
clammy
coarse
cool
cottony
crisp
cushioned
damp
downy
drenched
dripping
dry
dusty
feathery
fine
fluffy
foamy
freezing
furry
fuzzy
glassy
gluey
grainy
greasy
gritty

hideous
huge
immense
jutting
large
lean
light
long
lopsided
matted
messy
metallic
misty
moonlit
muddy
murky

hairy
hard
heavy
hot
humid
icy
jagged
knobbed
knotted
lacy
leafy
leathery
light
limp
lukewarm
lumpy
matted
metallic
moist
mushy
nubby
numbing
oily
plastic
pointed
powdery
prickly
pulpy
rocky
rough
rubbery
sandy
satiny
scalding
scorching

steamy
stuffy
stunning
sunny
swollen
tail
tangled
thick
thin
tidy
translucent
twinkle
ugly
wrinkled
1,000 shades of colors

scummy
shaggy
sharp
silky
slick
slimy
slippery
smooth
soapy
soft
soupy
spiky
splintered
spongy
steamy
steely
sticky
stifled
stinging
stony
stuffy
tangled
tender
tepid
thick
thin
tickling
tough
uneven
velvety
warm
waxy
wet
wiry
wooly

Transitions

in addition	notwithstanding	soon	further	moreover
while	equally important	again	underneath	instead of
third, first	between	farther	thus	besides
finally, last	similarly	hence	as though	yet
to begin with	first of all	equally	however	so that
to conclude	on the other hand	therefore	though	as a result
unfortunately	consequently	although	accordingly	otherwise

Touch

cool	cold	icy	lukewarm	tepid	warm
steamy	damp	wet	fleshy	rubbery	tough
slippery	mushy	oily	sharp	elastic	crisp
silky	gritty	satiny	sandy	smooth	sharp
rough	thick	pulpy	dry	dull	thin
fragile	tender	prickly	hairy	fuzzy	feathery

Taste

tangy	gingery	overripe	burnt	hot	spoiled
rotten	unripe	medicinal	raw	alkaline	fishy
spicy	peppery	oily	buttery	salty	bitter
flat	hearty	bittersweet	mellow	sugary	crisp
ripe	bland	tasteless	sour	fruity	vinegary

Smell

sweet	minty	acidy	sickly	scented	odorous
acid	stagnant	fragrant	pungent	burnt	mouldy
musty	gaseous	tempting	aromatic	perfumed	spicy
reeking	heady	mildewed	savory	putrid	damp
fresh	sharp	rotten	dank	stench	earthy
fishy	sour	spoiled	gamy	piney	rancid

Sounds

crash	thud	bump	thump	pandemonium	thunder
bang	smash	explode	roar	scream	screech
shout	whistle	whine	squawk	raucous	bawl
rage	blare	rumble	slam	deafening	stomp
stamp	nose	discord	jangle	disorderly	clash
clamor	tumult	riot	racket	brawl	bedlam
hubbub	blatant	clap	bark	earsplitting	boom
melody	inaudible	piercing	rowdy	rasp	yell
sigh	murmur	whisper	whit	rustle	twitter
patter	hum	mutter	snap	hiss	crackle

REFERENCES FOR WRITING

Helping verbs

is	be	can	shall	will	may	do
am	being	could	should	would	might	does
been	are	have	has	had		
was	were					

Substitutes for very

intensely	exceedingly	bitterly	surely	especially
unusually	truly	powerfully	richly	mightily
immeasurably	infinitely	severely	chiefly	shockingly

Dead Words

get	very	your	good	lots	well	so
got	nice	you	just	alot	fine	fun
the end						

ALL CONTRACTIONS (won't, I'd, We'll)

ALL ABBREVIATIONS (etc., o.k., CA)

SLANG: awesome, cool, fine, totally, rad, raspy

Prepositions

about	above	across	against	after
along	among	around	at	before
behind	below	beneath	beside	between
beyond	by	down	during	except
for	from	in	into	inside
near	of	off	on	out
over	since	throughout	past	through
upon	toward	under	until	up
to	with	within	without	

Linking Verbs

is	were	appears	turns	feels	continues
am	be	tastes	remains	seems	becomes
was	been	grows	sounds		
are	being				

Sight

flash	formal	frail	elegant	scrolled	tampering
branching	twiggy	split	broken	skinny	square
thin	shapely	winged	shapeless	rolled	unruffled
scalloped	ruffled	frilled	crimpted	crinkled	cylindrical
wiry	calm	flared	oval	conical	proportioned
tubular	hollow	rotund	chubby	pleasant	portly
swollen	lumpy	clustered	padded	tufted	pendulous
jutting	irregular	sunny	angular	triangular	wild
fiery	blazing	verdant	fresh	clean	scrubbed
fragile	pale	pasty	sickly	small	tiny
miniature	timid	shy	fearful	tearful	nervous
frightened	terrified	hysterical	tall	lead	slender
hardy	strong	healthy	robust	sturdy	lively
orderly	straight	curved	loose	crooked	awkward
exhausted	tired	ugly	cheap	messy	shabby
worn	old	used	tied	packed	rigid
dull	drab	muddy	stout	wide	heavy

Colors

brown

sandy
almond
amber
tawny
hazel
cinnamon
nutmeg
chocolate
coffee
rust

green

celery
mint
apple
lime

Fast

hurry	run	scamper
skip	dart	scramble

white

snowy
milky
marble
cream
ivory
oyster
pearl
silver
plantinum

blue

peacock
sapphire
delft
porcelain
violet
turquoise
aqua

gray

ashed
dove
steel

purple

lavender
orchid
mauve
lilac
plum
mulberry
fuchsia
magenta
pansy

Slow

creep
slouch
saunter

yellow

beige
buff
straw
peach
apricot
butter
buttercup
lemon
chartreuse
citron
canary

black

licorice
jet
ebony

crawl
lumber
loiter

red

rose
pink
salmon
coral
raspberry
strawberry
tomato
currant
crimson
vermillion
flame

orange

persimmon
gold
topaz
ochre
mustard
tangerine

hurry	run	scamper	creep	crawl	plod	sneak
skip	dart	scramble	slouch	lumber	tiptoe	bend
			saunter	loiter	stray	slink

ACTION WORDS

aching	engulfing	lighting	sizzling
bashing	entertaining	loaning	sparking
bubbling	flailing	mumbling	smoking
beeping	fuming	mocking	splashing
beaming	floating	moaning	streaking
blistering	flowing	munching	smashing
blinking	flapping	nailing	scolding
blaring	flaring	nicking	sailing
blinding	flittering	popping	trilling
battering	flopping	pouncing	thumping
bickering	flickering	pattering	thundering
babbling	glistening	piling	twinkling
crowing	grinding	pounding	whipping
clucking	gunning	popping	whisking
creeping	grinding	peeping	whirring
crackling	gliding	quacking	wailing
coughing	glaring	reflecting	winking
clanking	glowing	roaring	wheezing
chugging	glittering	rattling	whistling
chatting	glaring	rumbling	yapping
clucking	groaning	shimmering	yelling
crunching	hooting	shrieking	zooming
cackling	hissing	sloshing	
chanting	inviting	sputtering	
crooning	jumping	sprinkling	
dribbling	jerking	slapping	
dazzling	kissing	sizzling	
drifting	kicking	soaring	
dribbling	laughing	spinning	
dancing	leaping	squawking	

"Get Rid of 'Get'"

"Get" is overworked.

accomplished	dunk	master	reach
achieve	earn	murder	reap
acquire	eat	obtain	receive
act	escape	overcome	regain
annoy	establish	perceive	remember
approach	fetch	persuade	remove
arrive	find	prepare	rent
ask	fix	procure	retrieve
assassinate	follow	produce	ring
attain	gain	profit	run
bag	generate	purchase	take
be	give	pursue	thrill
become	go	put	trap
begat	grab	puzzle	understand
borrow	grasp	salvage	win
bribe	hand	score	
bring	help	secure	
build	hire	see	
buy	hit	seize	
capture	hook	serve	
catch	induce	shoot	
collect	influence	slip	
come	inform	snare	
comprehend	inherit	snatch	
conceive	kill	steal	
contract	learn	strike	
convince	live	succeed	
cook	locate	support	
do	make	survive	
drive	manage	raise	

SUGGESTED SENTENCE BEGINNINGS

- ★ 1. Two adjectives
Tall, handsome lifeguards flirt...
- ★ 2. An appositive
Sam, the tall, handsome lifeguard, flirts....
- ★ 3. A parallel structure
Tall and handsome, Sam flirts....
- ★ 4. A question
Who could that tall, handsome lifeguard be?
5. A prepositional phrase
On the high tower the tall, handsome lifeguard lounges...
6. An infinitive
To sit all day in the high tower is the job of the life guard.
7. A gerund
Sitting and gazing all day in the high tower is the lifeguard's duty.
8. A perfect infinitive
To have sat in the burning sun all day was a challenge for the guards.
9. A perfect participle (past participle)
Having sat all day in the tower, the lifeguard left to find a cold drink.
10. A present participle
Smiling at the happy crowds, the lifeguard keeps watch.
11. A perfect gerund
Having sat there all day was a challenge for the lifeguards.
- ★ 12. A predicate adjective
The guard was tall and strong.
- ★ 13. A predicate noun
A tall, strong man was the guard.
- ★ 14. Parallel structure, more complex
A tall man and a handsome one, my father loved the ocean.
- ★ 15. An adverbial clause
While he swam in the ocean, the guard kept watching for sharks.
- ★ 16. An adjective clause
Sam, who had the build of a wrestler, worked as a guard every summer.
17. A noun clause
That he could swim to Catalina has never been proven.
- ★ 18. An exclamation!
Wow! He certainly seems powerful.