

Choosing Your Verbs Wisely

Good writing is all about good word choices. In the story 'The Sirens of Sigsbee Deep', the author uses a variety of verbs to create a detailed mental picture for the audience.

1. Read the verbs listed below. Provide three synonyms that could be used as an alternative. The first one has been done for you.

Verb	My three synonyms
perched	squatted, rested, balanced
sprang	
lunging	
scuttled	
frowned	
stammered	

2. Choose four of your descriptive verbs. Use them in interesting sentences.

a) The cat perched on the arm of the chair next to Jim.

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____