

WORD CHOICE:

- Act out different meanings of words.
- List synonyms for "go". Then have students act them out.
- Circle boring words in your work and replace them using a friend or thesaurus.
- Read Brave Irene aloud and have kids brainstorm words. Make an overhead of the words for kids to keep in their writing folder.
- Have students substitute a word on each sentence in the paragraph using a Thesaurus.
- Holiday topic writing-brainstorm a list of words for that holiday...Example: Halloween-spooky, ghost, witch, etc. Then write a story about the topic and you can't use any words from the list you generate.
- As you edit, mark out any words you've used more than once and change them.
- Brainstorm different words to use instead of fun, good, bad, etc.
- Pick synonyms for a verse (or stanza) of a song, poem, etc. without changing the theme or message.
- 5 senses: poetry
- Use a thesaurus - Write a poem that rhymes to broaden vocabulary.
- Give a sheet with "synonyms for SAID." Students can't use "SAID" more than twice in a story.
- Bury blah words so they have to be more creative in their word choice.
- Write The Three Pigs: Add adjectives, change main characters, add adverbs.
- Write a "how to" paragraph: roast a hot dog without using hot dog, fire, stick.
- Use five of the words from your list of vocabulary words in a paragraph.
- Use a thesaurus to change out some common words.
- Give students a basic sentence such as The dog ran. Then have them change words and add to it to make it better. For example: The dog sprinted., The dog sprinted across the yard., The big, brown dog sprinted across the yard.
- Write a descriptive essay about your room.
- Students identify similes in their reading and then we write our own. Later, we add them to our stories.
- Have a "banned" word list.
- Use words out of the current book you're reading.
- Put over used words "to bed" so they can rest. Use round robin to share words.
- Wacky words - give new words and they write.
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse.
- Looking at different words in different text types.