

Improving Word Choice

Effective word choice will be specific and should create a mental picture of what they are trying to say to their reader.

Example “Garbage” Words	Alternative words to use
A lot	Plenty, much, an abundance
Good	Quality, upstanding, enjoyable, kind
Bad	Poor, unacceptable, harmful, evil
Said	Stated, voiced, repeated, presumed
Nice	Likable, personable, delightful
Stuff	Materials, information
Something	Add a noun after “something” Example: something white, something scary
This	Add a noun after “this” Example: this argument, this story
That	Add a noun after “that” Example: that elephant, that girl
Etc.	And so on, and so forth, among others
Things	Items, artifacts, object, belongings