

Comp Notes

Strong Word Choice

Noun:

A word that names a _____, _____, _____, or _____.

Strong writers use _____ nouns that provide clear meaning to the reader.

Adjective:

A word that _____ or describes a noun. Adjectives tell what kind, which, how many/much, and whose.

Descriptive Adjectives are strong. Their meanings are objective, factual, and clear to all readers.

Examples:

Interpretive Adjectives are weak. Their meanings are subjective and vague. The reader/writer's definitions may not match.

Examples:

Caution: Don't add a lot of adjectives if a stronger noun is available.

Verb:

A word that asserts an _____ or a _____ (existence).

Great writers use _____ verbs that give the most vivid picture of what is happening.

Philip walked into PEP. Philip _____ into PEP. Philip _____ into PEP.

Adverb:

A word that typically modifies or describes a _____, but also can describe an _____ or another _____. Adverbs tell when, where, how, and to what extent.

Caution: Don't add a lot of adverbs if a stronger verb is available.