

***Writing Tip* – Word Choice**

Use this tip if you want to... be more specific, purposeful, and powerful in your writing.

Word choice, or **diction**, are the words that authors choose to use in their writing. Word choice matters because it can add to our main ideas while making our writing more powerful. Before choosing a specific word, know its **connotation**, or emotional connections, and potential **synonyms**, or words with similar meanings. Below, there is a list of words **you should replace** in your writing.

Bad	Good	Big	Small	Easy
Hard	Mad	Sad	Happy	Boring
Old	Fast	Slow	Fun	Interesting
Stupid	A lot	Really	Mean	Fine
Great	Nice	Thing	Stuff	Dumb