

Writing with Unexpected Details

Make your writing more interesting by adding details that will surprise your audience! Adding vivid adjectives and adverbs will help your readers visualize the things you are writing about.

Underline the adjectives and adverbs in each of the examples. Then get creative and rewrite the sentences below to make them come alive.

Examples:

Peter saw a tree.

Peter saw a towering sequoia tree stretching ominously toward the dark sky.

I sat on the couch.

I lazily sat on the couch and sank deep into its plush, velvety cushions.

Sample
Answers

1. Marmalade is a cat.

Marmalade is an orange tabby cat with whiskers that twitch when he sneezes.

2. My room is quiet.

My small, private room is so quiet that even a feather dropping to the floor would disturb its peace.

3. Paloma walked to school.

Paloma walked hurriedly to her new school so she wouldn't be late.

4. The dog barked.

The tiny dog barked mightily, as though it were a fierce lion defending its pride.

5. The cemetery is dark.

The spooky cemetery is cold and dark on this damp Halloween night.

6. Logan's party was fun.

Logan's tenth birthday party was extraordinarily fun because his giant pinata was filled with my favorite kind of candy.