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## Vivid Verbs

A **verb** shows *action* or a *state of being*.

Examples of action verbs: run, walk, talk, eat, read, write, sing

Good writers use lots of verbs in order to make their pieces active and interesting. They choose the strongest verbs for their sentences.

Examples of strong action verbs: stomped, scampered, mumble, stumble, sprint, tumble

Here is an example of a sentence using a boring verb:

*Bryan went down the hall.*

Here is an example of a sentence using a vivid verb:

*Bryan stumbled down the hall.*

Now we know something about Bryan. We have questions in our minds like, "Why is Bryan stumbling? What is wrong with him?" This simple verb give the reader a reason to continue reading.

Rewrite the sentence. Replace the boring verb with a vivid verb. You may change articles and conjunctions in order for the new sentence to make sense.

1. Tori hit her pillow.

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2. Chris went down the stairs, opened the door, and went outside.

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3. The boy went away.

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4. My cat ran out of the house.

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5. Chelsea talked to her mom.

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