

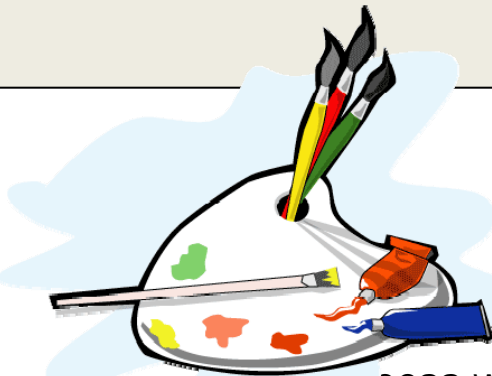
Painting With Words

A general word is a word that you use in everyday language. A precise word is a higher level word that has a meaning similar—but more specific than—the general word. Think of a general word as being like a quick pencil sketch, and a precise word as being like a painting whose every colorful brush stroke has been carefully chosen.

DIRECTIONS: Replace the underlined general word in each sentence with a precise word. Write the precise word on the line.

Example: I ate the sandwich.

I devoured the sandwich.



1. We sat on the sofa. _____
2. The big dog was friendly. _____
3. I chose a red apple. _____
4. Jill gave \$20 to charity. _____
5. The children played nicely. _____
6. We ran to the store. _____
7. She spoke to the mailman. _____
8. John watched Karen all day. _____
9. Tim asked for a slice of cake. _____
10. Wendy drew a picture. _____
11. Ann put the glass on the table. _____
12. The bus came up. _____
13. The room is messy. _____