

Be Precise!

A precise word is a more sophisticated word that has a meaning similar to—but more specific than—a general word. Words that convey sensory details, and which are rich in connotation are usually precise words.

DIRECTIONS: Match the general words below to their more precise synonyms. Then use the precise words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

- _____ 1. dislikes
- _____ 2. seriously, angrily
- _____ 3. broke
- _____ 4. went
- _____ 5. enough
- _____ 6. really important
- _____ 7. teen/teenager
- _____ 8. part or portion



- A adolescent
- B is disgusted by
- C drove
- D critical
- E percentage
- F vehemently
- G adequate or sufficient
- H shattered

- 9. Sometimes my father acts like an _____.
- 10. The money we have not raised is not _____ for our purposes.
- 11. The doctor told us that the medication was _____ to her recovery.
- 12. Meg _____ defended her position.
- 13. The baseball flew over the fence and _____ the neighbor's window.
- 14. The _____ of animals that are euthanized every year is alarming.