

STUDENT/SELF-EVALUATION

SIX TRAITS RUBRIC: WORD CHOICE

5 Yes! My Words Come Through Loud and Clear

- ✓ Are all my words specific and appropriate? In all instances, have I taken care to choose the right words or phrases?
- ✓ Is my paper's language controlled and natural, not overdone? Do I rarely use clichés and jargon?
- ✓ Does my paper contain energetic verbs, precise nouns, and clear modifiers?
- ✓ Do I use vivid words and phrases, including sensory details to create distinct images in the reader's mind?

3 Close—With a Little Polish My Words Will Shine

- ✓ Are my words correct and generally adequate but maybe lacking in originality or precision?
- ✓ Do I use familiar words and phrases that do not grab the reader's interest or imagination or only occasionally use of lively verbs and phrases to perk things?
- ✓ Do my attempts at using engaging or academic language seem overly showy?
- ✓ Does my writing contain passive verbs and basic nouns and adjectives? Does it lack precise adverbs.

1 Hmm. Even I Don't Understand What I Mean

- ✓ Is my language perhaps too vague instead of precise? Does my vague language make the reader feel confused and unsure of my purpose?
- ✓ Are some of my words or parts of speech used incorrectly?
- ✓ Do I repeat myself or use certain words too much?
- ✓ Have I used unexplained jargon or clichés?