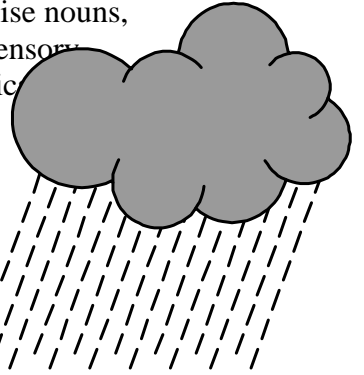


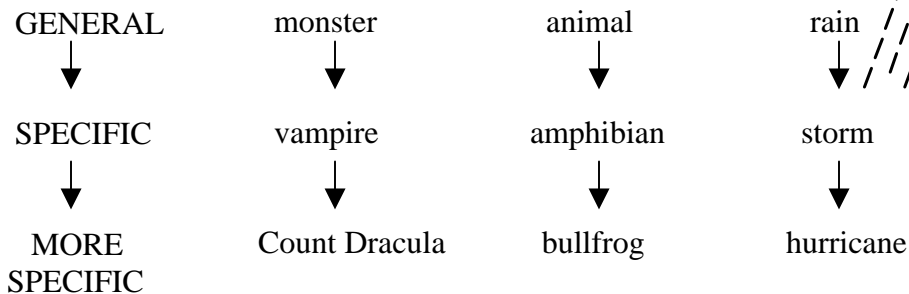
Using Descriptive Language

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Language is power! Using specific language to describe your world or explain yourself makes it easier for your audience to grasp your vision. Whether you are speaking to someone or writing about some aspect of a topic, use precise nouns, action verbs, vivid modifiers (adjectives, adverbs, comparisons), and sensory words to capture your audience's attention and to make your communication lively.



PRECISE NOUNS



VIVID ADJECTIVES / ADVERBS

Make your modifiers livelier!

funny	→	amusing	→	hilarious
heavy	→	weighty	→	ponderous
well	→	adequately	→	expertly



ACTIVE VERBS

Maintain an active voice in your writing by choosing verbs that are descriptive.

dashes or darts instead of *runs quickly*
sauntered or lumbered instead of *walked slowly*

SENSORY WORDS

Use words that appeal to the five senses:

Sight: *maroon, globular, flashy, radiant, serene*
Sound: *clamor, gurgle, giggle*
Taste: *tangy, ripe, peppery*
Smell: *aromatic, dank, pungent*
Touch: *crisp, gritty, damp*

