

Narrative WritingV O-level  
Notes!

## VOCABULARY LIST FOR EFFECTIVE WRITING

USE VIVID WORDS/PHRASES TO ADD VARIETY TO THE WORDS YOU USE  
AND MAKE YOUR ESSAY MORE EFFECTIVE  
CAN YOU ADD ANY WORDS TO THE LIST?

[\*Make sure that the word/phrase you use is appropriate to the context]

SAYING WORDS	SAYING WORDS	SAYING WORDS	WAYS OF LOOKING
Acknowledged	Inquired	Spluttered	Admired
Added	Insisted	Squealed	Blinked
Admitted	Interrupted	Stammered	Checked
Admonished	Jeered	Suggested	Examined
Advised	Lamented	Summarised	Gawked
Agreed	Lectured	Teased	Gazed
Announced	Mentioned	Told	Glanced
Apologised	Moaned	Urged	Glared
Argued	Mumbled	Uttered	Glimpsed
Asked	Murmured	Vowed	Inspected
Babbled	Muttered	Warned	Investigated
Barked	Offered	Whined	Looked
Begged	Ordered	Whispered	Observed
Bellowed	Panted	Yelled	Ogled
Blurted	Persisted		Peeked
Broached	Persuaded		Peeped
Cajoled	Pleaded		Probed
Chanted	Pondered		Scanned
Chatted	Praised		Spied
Cheered	Prompted		Stared
Chuckled	Protested		Viewed
Claimed	Purred		Watched
Commanded	Questioned		
Complained	Quipped		
Concluded	Rattled		
Confessed	Recommended		
Continued	Remarked		
Cried	Repeated		
Cursed	Replied		
Declared	Reprimanded		
Demanded	Requested		
Discussed	Responded		
Echoed	Retorted		
Elaborated	Roared		
Emphasized	Screamed		
Exaggerated	Shouted		
Exclaimed	Shrieked		
Explained	Sighed		
Gasped	Snapped		
Greeted	Snarled		
Groaned	Sneered		
Grumbled	Snickered		
Hesitated	Snorted		
Hinted			

Add your own words and phrases to the list

TO walk slowly in a relaxed way  
manner.



**ACTION WORDS / VIVID VERBS**

<u>Ambled</u>	Jumped	Slammed the phone	Wandered
Applauded	Leaned	Slithered	Waved
Approached	Leapt	Slouched	Clinched the weapon
Bent	Lifted	Stomped	Whipped
Bowed	Limped	Slumped	Whizzed
Walked briskly	Loomed	Sped off	Winced
Browsed	Lurched	Spinned	Wobbled
Chased	Manoeuvred	Sprinted	Zoomed
Chewed	Manipulated	Squirmed	Hopped
Climbed	Marched	Staggered	Hovered
Clustered	Murmured	Stretched	Shrugged
Clutched	Nodded	Struck	Shuffled
Collapsed	Nuzzled	Strode	
Crawled	Paced	Stroked	
Crouched	Poked	Strolled	
Cruised	Pressed	Struggled	
Danced	Proceeded	Stumbled	
Darted	Pulled	Surprising agility	
Dashed	Quivered	Swaggered	
Descended	Rambled	Swayed	
Dispatched	Rampaged	Swerved	
Dodged	Receded	Swirled	
Dragged	Roamed	Swivelled	
Drifted	Rotated	Swooped	
Ducked	Rummaged	Tackled	
Embarked	Ran	Tapped	
Erected	Rushed	Thrashed	
Fiddled	Sat rigidly	Thrust	
Flexed	Scampered	Tip-toed	
Flung	Scrambled	Tossed	
Flew	Scurried	Transferred	
Galloped	Searched	Trembled	
Gestured	Shook	Tripped	
Glided	Shifted	Trotted	
Grabbed	Shivered	Trudged	
Gripped		Tumbled	
Groped		Waddled	
Hitched		Walked carefully	
Hobbled		Walked gingerly	
Hugged			
Hurled			

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### EMOTIONS

Here are some words and phrases associated with various emotions. Use them in your writing [if they fit in the context of your story]

HAPPINESS	HAPPINESS	SADNESS	SADNESS
Amused	joyful	Anxious	Pitifully
Astonished	joyous	Brimming with tears	Plunged in grief
Beam	Jubilant	broken-hearted	Sinking heart
Beamed with joy	Laughed heartily	burst into tears	Sobbed
Beloved	Laughed merrily	Cry	Sorrowful
Blessed	on cloud nine	Depressed	Steeped in sorrow
Celebrated	Optimistic	Despondent	Sulky
Cheerful	Overjoyed	Devastated	Sullen
Clapped	Overwhelmed	Disheartened	Tears rolling
Contented	Pleased	Dismayed	Troubled
Delighted	Pure bliss	Dreaded	Unable to contain
Ecstasy	Radiance	Feeling down	Unhappy
Elated	Rejoice	Forlorn	Upset
Enthusiastic	Satisfied	Gloomy	Wailed
Euphoric	Smiled	Glum	Weary
Excited	Soaring heart	<b>grief-stricken</b>	Weep
Exhilarated	Thrilled	Grumpy	Wept and begged
Exhilarated	Trembling with joy	<b>Heart-broken</b>	Whimpered
Exuberant	Unmistakable smile	Heavy heart	Worried
Fascinated		Hopeless	
Felt terrific		Hurt	
Gaiety		In low spirits	
Gay		In the doldrums	
Giggled		In total darkness	
Glad		Listless	
Glee		Low	
Glowed with happiness		Melancholy ~ fore.. Sad	
Glowed with pleasure		Miserable	
Gratified		Moaned	
Grinned		Moody	
Grinning from ear to ear		Mournful	
Helpless laughter		Mournful expression	
Hilarious		Painful	
Jolly			
Jovial			

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Anger	Anger	Other emotions	Other emotions
Abrupt	Serious		
Agitated	Shriek		
Angry	Snap		
Annoyed	writhed with anger		
Barged into the room			
Barked			
Bitter			
Bitter rage			
Blaze of temper			
Boiling mad			
Burning rage			
Clenched his fist			
Cursing			
Demanded			
Detest			
Enraged			
Erupted			
Exasperated			
Ferocious			
Fierce			
Flew into a rage			
Frantically			
Frustrated			
Fuming			
Furious			
Growl			
Hate			
Irritated			
Jealous			
Mad			
Mad as a hornet			
Outburst of anger			
Outraged			
Rage			
Roared			
Scowled			
Seething			

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