

INTRODUCTION

A Word *Write Now*

Teachers, home schooling parents and students long for materials that encourage excellence in writing in an easy to use, interesting and upbeat way. A Word *Write Now* has been created to encourage young writers to delight in playing with words in order to improve the quality of their written expression, while developing their own unique styles of writing.

In A Word *Write Now*, the words are organized specifically to make it easier for students to find an appropriate group of words from which to choose. Often students will not have *any* particular word in mind to replace an overused word or to better describe something. First they must be able to decide what category or type of word they are looking for. For example, do they need a word to describe how something looks, feels, smells, or are they looking for a motion made by someone, or perhaps an attitude? Writing will improve as words that ‘show’, not ‘tell’ are selected.

Once a student has become familiar with the layout and content of A Word *Write Now*, they will be able to work independently and quickly find the right category or list of words they want. To further assist the student, the words are grouped by specific concepts and common parts of speech, with special pages for definitions of terms, prepositions, and transitions words.

Most titles include words grouped and color-coded by **NOUNS**, **ADJECTIVES**, **ADVERBS**, **VERBS**, and sometimes **PHRASES**. Most pages have a personalized section set aside for the student to add **MY WORDS**. Searching for ‘just the right word’ will become an engaging and exciting activity, with endless creative possibilities. What could be better than having each budding writer create his or her own version of A Word *Write Now*? Using a thesaurus and writing well will soon become second nature to the young student.

A Word *Write Now* is organized into four sections:

A. Getting Started:

Simple Definitions of Parts of Speech Used in A Word *Write Now*
Transitions Not Related to Time
Prepositions

B. Character Traits:

There are 23 character traits which include sections for **NOUNS**, **ADJECTIVES**, **ADVERBS**, **VERBS**, **PHRASES** and **MY WORDS**.

C. Ways to Describe:

Appearance, Color, Size, Time, Temperature, Texture, and Shape

D. Ways to Move and Think:

The Ways of Feet, Ways of Hands, Ways of Smelling, Ways of Hearing,
Ways of Seeing, Ways of Speaking and Ways of Thinking

Most pages feature “**Quotations to Inspire Your Writing.**” Here students will find quotes taken from many of the great classics for children which illustrate the current topic, while encouraging students to observe the stylish writing techniques of famous authors and to seek out quality literature to read and reread.

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Dedication

A Word **Write** Now is dedicated to all those for whom words take time—time to accurately hear, time to carefully think about, and time to thoughtfully choose which to speak aloud, or even more challenging, to put down on paper.

Words are vital in our everyday life and learning to love them and respect their power to harm or heal is also vital in determining the quality of our life experiences. It is the hope and prayer of this author that those who use this book will be inspired to treasure the value of words and how they can be wisely and freely used to share one's thoughts and feelings, convey truth, and stand firmly against that which is wrong.

Purchase of this book entitles the buyer to photocopy student pages for only one home schooling family or for only one classroom. Additional copies of the complete workbook can be ordered from:

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The Envious Eel

“Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.” Galatians 5:26 NAS



NOUNS for ENVY or an ENVIOUS CHARACTER:

ADJECTIVES

appetite	obsession	_____
charlatan	one-track-mind	_____
craving	penchant	_____
desire	pipe dream	_____
fancy	resentment	_____
hunger	swindler	_____
need	temptation	_____

aching
agog
bitter
consuming
discontented
envious
gluttonous

Envy: a feeling of wanting what someone else has

grabby
grasping
green
green-eyed
hoggish
insatiable

Characters I might write about:

jealous
malevolent

Settings for my characters:

obsessive
omnivorous
piggish
possessive
rancorous
thirsty
unquenchable
voracious
wolfish

Quotations to Inspire Your Writing

“[The Wicked Prince] had build this city, which was called Vanity Fair, just beyond the Dark Valley and the wilderness, because he knew that when the pilgrims reached its gates they would be feeling tired and faint, and he hoped that it would then be easy to persuade them to stay there, instead of going farther on the Way of the King.

So he filled the great city with everything that was pleasant and beautiful. It had broad streets and handsome houses, and the stalls in its market were covered with glittering wares. All day long the people were passing busily up and down. They wore fine clothes and spent their whole time in pleasing themselves, and the Wicked Prince took care to give them plenty of things to enjoy so that they might never have a moment to spare in which to think of the King whom they had forsaken.”

From: [Little Pilgrims Progress](#), by Helen L. Taylor from John Bunyan's classic work