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Experiment With Language

To become a better writer, you must experiment with language. This means trying new things and taking risks. If you want to learn how to insert colons in your writing, you need to practice using colons. If you want to learn how to integrate more academic vocabulary into your writing and sound more sophisticated, you need to practice using academic vocabulary.

In the same way that a basketball player should constantly be adding new moves to his/her game—such as a crossover dribble, or fadeaway jumpshot—a writer should be adding moves to improve his/her writing.

For the following task, you need to identify one skill/word you want to experiment with in your writing. **Then write 150 words or more on a topic of your choice experimenting with your skill/word.**

Here are some skills/words you can experiment with in your writing.

Affect vs Effect

Their, There, They're:

Your, You're:

Excess vs Access:

Varying Sentence Lengths:

Colons

Dashes

Passive vs Active Voice

Periodic Sentences:

Although...

Parallel Structure

Polysyndeton

Anaphora:

Allusions

Juxtaposition

SAT-Level Vocabulary:

Berate

Abysmal

Adamant

Devise

Inept

Contentious

Extravagant

Anomaly

Contentious

Epitome

Torrential

Enigma

Erratic

Altruism

Which skill/word are you going to experiment with in your writing?

Why did you choose this skill/word?

