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Power Verb Story Challenge



Objective: Students will strengthen their narrative writing by intentionally using precise, powerful verbs to create tension, movement, and emotion.

Directions: You will write a short creative story that includes **all six power verbs** listed below. Your story should be 150 words or more.

Lurched

Definition: Moved suddenly or unsteadily, often because of fear, surprise, or loss of balance.

Example: *The man lurched forward as the ground gave way beneath his foot.*



Clutched

Definition: Grabbed tightly, usually out of fear, urgency, or desperation.

Example: *He clutched his chest when he felt a strange pain.*



Hesitated

Definition: Paused before acting, often due to uncertainty or fear.

Example: *He hesitated, knowing one step would change everything.*



Bolted

Definition: Moved suddenly and quickly, usually to escape or chase.

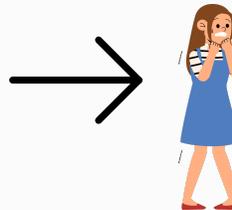
Example: *The man bolted the moment the gate swung open.*



Shuddered

Definition: Shook suddenly, often from fear, cold, or shock.

Example: *The girl shuddered when she saw the monster.*



Slipped

Definition: Moved quietly, smoothly, or accidentally out of place.

Example: *The truth slipped out before I could stop it.*



