

Using Complex Vocabulary

Purpose

To encourage students to think about the vocabulary choices they make and to try to use more advanced words.

Preparation

Print a worksheet for each person.

Group Size

Individual but it might be useful for people to discuss their ideas in pairs.

Task

Read the text and replace the words in bold with more advanced choices. Suggest they can add an additional word or slightly change the word order if they wish. Once the task is complete, start to read the text and ask people to shout out their word choices as you read. (If the group is quite rowdy, you might prefer to go around in a structured way instead.) Praise all options but particularly encourage the more sophisticated choices and note down the best answers for each one on the board.

If people finish quickly, ask them to look at the whole text and see if they would make any other changes to make it sound more sophisticated.

Extension Task

Ask students to write their own sentences using some of the more sophisticated vocabulary choices you have written on the board to help them remember the newer vocabulary.

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Replace the words in bold with more suitable and complex vocabulary.

Litter Problem in Town Centre

There seems to be a **big** problem with litter in Templewood town centre and **a lot** of people are complaining about it. There are many issues: overflowing bins, rats and insects, lowering house prices and the risk of injuries.

Firstly, people are **always moaning** about the bins always being full and overflowing around the town. When I went shopping on Saturday, I passed six bins that had spilled out onto the pavement. This is **bad**. I think the council need to empty the bins **more times** to make sure this **doesn't** keep happening.

Secondly, the rubbish everywhere is attracting rats and other insects such as flies and ants. This is a concern in an area with **loads** of places to eat. The Templewood Mail reported that one takeaway on the High Street had got a rating of 1 out of 5 stars for hygiene because of a problem with rats caused by **too much** rubbish **piling up** outside the back entrance. People need to take responsibility for their own rubbish and make sure it is **got rid of** properly not just left out on the streets. There should be **bigger** fines for people who dump their waste.

Thirdly, house prices in the area are falling. The news **said** they had gone down by 5% in the last year. When interviewed, one interested buyer said she was **put off** by the amount of rubbish on the streets. It made her feel that people did not care about the area. We all need to make sure we are caring for our town if we want house prices to start to **go up** again.

Finally, rubbish left lying around can **hurt** people and animals. Last week my friend saw empty syringes in the park, which could have been **very** dangerous for children playing. Empty cans and broken bottles can be dangerous for animals, who are at risk of cutting their paws. We should all pick up litter if we see it **chucked about** and not leave it for someone else.

Overall, I think everyone needs to be more careful about what they do with their rubbish. The council need to empty bins **a lot** more and give **more** fines to people who drop litter. Businesses need to make sure they are keeping their **rooms** clean and free of litter to make sure they **don't** attract rats or other insects. Please help us to keep Templewood tidy.