

# A Word Write Now



A Thematic Thesaurus for Stylized Writing

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# Introduction

Teachers, homeschooling 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 writers, of any age, 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 for which they are looking. 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 students have become familiar with the layout and content of *A Word Write Now*, they will be able to work independently and quickly to find the right category or list of words they want. Each category includes words grouped and color-coded by nouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, and sometimes phrases, as well as a personalized section, Additional Words, for students to add their own words. Searching for just the right word becomes an engaging and exciting activity, with endless creative possibilities, also leading to better usage of a thesaurus and quality writing. To further delight the reader, there are definitions, related quotes by famous people, and excerpts from classical literature included along with each trait.

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

## 1. Section A: Character Traits

Section A features an introduction to the importance of characters in a story and a preview list of traits. This is followed by twenty-three character traits which include lists of words categorized by nouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs, phrases, and additional words. Here students will also find famous quotations related to the trait, under the heading: “Thoughts on . . .,” a definition of the trait, and rich, pertinent excerpts from literature, encouraging students to observe the stylish writing techniques of famous authors and to seek out quality literature to read and imitate in their writing.

## 2. Section B: Words to Describe

Here are lists of descriptive words for appearance, color, size, time, temperature, texture, and shape.

## 3. Section C: Words for Movement and the Senses

Look for word lists for the actions of feet, hands, hearing, seeing, smelling, speaking, and thinking in this section.

## 4. Section D: Appendix

Included is an extensive list of common literary devices with sentence examples of each, as well as lists of words for transitions, prepositions, and literary genres.

# Words for Cheerfulness



The Cheerful Clownfish

## Definition:

Full of cheer, in good spirits, pleasant, bright

## Thoughts on Cheerfulness:

“Happiness is not created by what happens to us but by our attitude toward each happening.”  
(Anonymous)

## *Excerpts from Classical Literature*

Pollyanna has “an overwhelming, unquenchable gladness for everything that has happened or is going to happen. At any rate, her quaint speeches are constantly being repeated to me, and, as near as I can make out, ‘just being glad’ is the tenor of most of them.”

-From: [Pollyanna](#) by Eleanor H. Porter

“‘What happened?’ I asked the policeman. ‘Has somebody taken him?’”

‘No,’ he replied, ‘I’m afraid he’s been arrested.’

‘Arrested? ....A dog can’t be arrested.’

The policeman threw back his head and laughed. ‘I’ve just been kidding you, Mr. Herriot.’

I laughed too. I didn’t mind having the joke played on me because, funny Phelps or not, he was obviously a nice Phelps and would be a kind master for my doggy friend.”

-From: “The Market Square Dog” by James Herriot  
Excerpt from: [James Herriot’s Treasury for Children](#)

## Nouns

her buoyancy  
the congeniality  
the charm  
her cheeriness  
the friendliness  
the gladness  
his joyfulness  
the optimism  
the solace

## Nouns

### Characters

a buddy  
a colleague  
a dog trainer  
an instructor  
a nurse  
a pal  
Pollyanna  
a salesman  
a stewardess  
a teacher  
a waitress

