

Author Word Power

Students connect an author's word choices to reader thoughts and feelings.

1.P.AC.1 "Reading like a Writer: Interpret texts through the author's lens by identifying, analyzing, and evaluating craft techniques that are connected to the responses, thoughts, decisions, and questions triggered by the text."

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 FEEL AND THINK

a	cozy	nervous	silly
b	where	sleepy	loud
c	sleeping	eating	moving

2 AUTHOR CHOICES

a	Question	Sound	Repeat
b	Question	Sound	Repeat
c	Question	Sound	Repeat

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read the spoken text and choices aloud, then let students mark each answer. Students notice how an author's choices can make a reader feel, wonder, hear, or pay attention to an important idea.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • FEEL AND THINK

SAY "Authors pick words on purpose. I will read a short line and then the three choices. Which choice best matches what the author's words make you feel or think?"

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "At night, the door creaked. Creak, creak." Which feeling fits best: cozy, nervous, or silly? Circle one.	nervous
b	Listen: "Will Noor find the hidden bell?" What might this question make you wonder: where, sleepy, or loud? Circle one.	where
c	Listen: "The puppy ran, ran, ran to the gate." Why might the author repeat ran: sleeping, eating, or moving? Circle one.	moving

PART 2 • AUTHOR CHOICES

SAY "An author can use a question, a sound word, or a repeated word. I will tell you what the author may want the reader to do. Which author choice fits best?"

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which author choice might make a reader wonder: Question, Sound, or Repeat? Circle one.	Question
b	Which author choice might help a reader hear a noise: Question, Sound, or Repeat? Circle one.	Sound
c	Which author choice might help a reader notice a word is important: Question, Sound, or Repeat? Circle one.	Repeat

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1 answers are nervous, where, and moving. Part 2 answers are Question, Sound, and Repeat, in that order.