

# Use Precise Words

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**Precise words** tell a writer's exact meaning. For example, the words *hut*, *shack*, *lodge*, *cabin*, and *mansion* give readers a better picture than *house*. Using precise words can also help you use fewer words.

**Wordy** The cow made a loud, angry sound.

**Precise** The cow bellowed.

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**Directions** Write the sentences. Replace the underlined words with a precise word.

1. The girls laughed in a high, happy, breathless way.

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2. Jane and Holly walked in a slow and relaxed way around the mall.

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3. The pig made a sharp, shrill noise.

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4. Across the street from the cabin was a body of water that was smaller and calmer than a lake.

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5. For the holiday, the family had a big meal with many different dishes.

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