

Edusites Word Power Exercises

Exercises One to Five

Improve the power of the sentences given by substituting one of the three alternatives for the word/phrase in *italics*.

- Make sure you have looked up and understood any of the suggested words that are unfamiliar before making your choice and giving your reasons for it.

Remember that one of the key level descriptors in GCSE refers to overall coherence and cohesion, so besides accentuating and emphasising local effects your choices should make sense in the overall context of what is presented.

Exercise One

A Storm



Rain was *dripping* from the sky.

deluging/ pelting/ lashing down

What are the effects of your choice?

The weather was *cold*.

chilly/ threatening/ wintry

What are the effects of your choice?

The wind was blowing *as fast as a cheetah*.

at gale force/ relentlessly/ unmercifully

What are the effects of your choice?

Across the *dark black* sky.

indigo/ storm clouded/ troubled

What are the effects of your choice?

How have you worked on the overall coherence of the paragraph?

Exercise Two A Horror Story



The streets *gloomed with fear*.

echoed/ stank of/ were suffused with

What are the effects of your choice?

Noises were *suggestive*.

scary/ eerie/ amplified

What are the effects of your choice?

The thing approached me.

creature/ emanation/ phantom

What are the effects of your choice?

How have you worked on the overall coherence of the paragraph?

Exercise Three

A Football Match



We eventually got to the stadium and *it* just got better and better
the atmosphere/ the ambience/ the excitement

What are the effects of your choice?

It wasn't the game but the *good feeling* it gave me being there.

sheer pleasure / adrenalin rush/ ecstasy

What are the effects of your choice?

I loved being around so many people with *one common interest*

shared loyalty/ passionate commitment/ single purpose

What are the effects of your choice?

How have you worked on the overall coherence of the paragraph?

Exercise Four

The Letter



As I made my way to my mailbox I started feeling *uneasy*
a sense of dread/ the thrill of anticipation/ in two minds

What are the effects of your choice?

As I opened the envelope *my hands began to shake*
my throat became constricted/ my temples started to throb/ the
butterflies in my stomach exploded

What are the effects of your choice?

When I looked at the signature my *confusion increased*
elation was confirmed/ apprehension multiplied/ despair worsened

What are the effects of your choice?

How have you worked on the overall coherence of the paragraph?

Exercise Five

Supplementary Exercise

Look back at the reasons you have given for your choices.

How would you have used them to develop any one of the stories to a conclusion?
