

# 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**



Rain was *dripping* from the sky.

deluging/ pelting/ lashing down

What are the effects of your choice?



The weather was <i>cold</i> .
chilly/ threatening/ wintry
What are the effects of your choice?
The wind was blowing <i>as fast as a cheetah.</i> at gale force/ relentlessly/ unmercifully
What are the effects of your choice?
Across the <i>dark black</i> 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?

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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?

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It wasn't the game but the *good feeling* it gave me being there. sheer pleasure / adrenalin rush/ ecstasy

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What are the effects of your choice?

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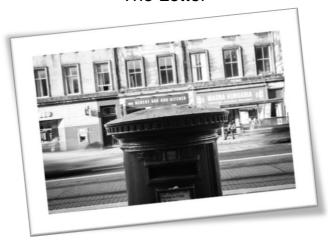
I loved being around so many people with *one common interest* shared loyalty/ passionate commitment/ single purpose

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?							