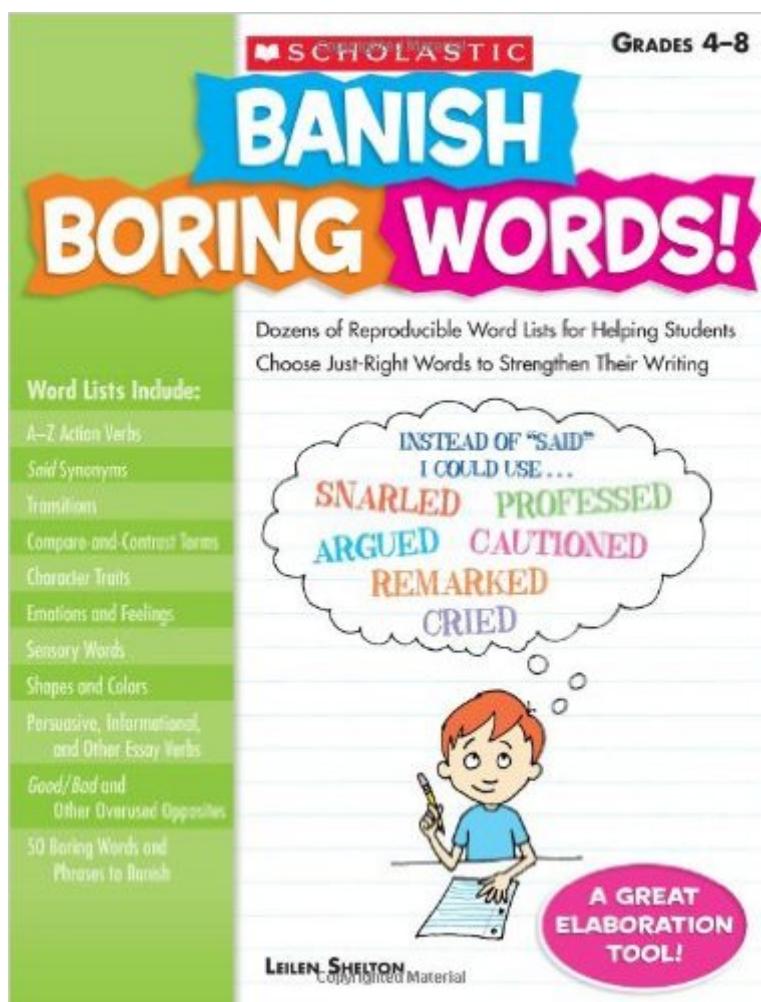


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# Banish Boring Words!: Dozens Of Reproducible Word Lists For Helping Students Choose Just-Right Words To Strengthen Their Writing



## **Synopsis**

This must-have collection of 40+ word lists is packed with synonym choices for the most commonly overused words, such as good and said, as well as dozens of options for strong verbs, smooth transitions, and sensory and emotion words. A quick-reference guide for teachers and students to use during writing lessons and for independent work. For use with Grades 4-8.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Great idea. They have these words separated into categories: verbs, adverbs, adjectives....There is also a section on transition phrases to use. Some of the words are challenging, but my 6th grade student that I tutor wants to use this book every time she writes. Would recommend.

I bought this to spice up my second grader's writing. It is never too early to get children interested in writing and I recognized the need for a varied vocabulary even in a young child's writing. Being a reading and writing teacher myself, I've seen students benefit from a rich vocabulary. This book makes a great introduction of sorts to help enliven one's writing. Though it states that the target

group is Grades 4-8, the lists of words in here can be easily modified to suit learners of any age group. The lists are also reproducible making it convenient for use in the classroom or in homeschooling. The lists cover or comprise the following: Transitions, Essay Verbs, Movements, Action Verbs, "Said" Synonyms, ly adverbs, Colors and Shapes, Sight, Sound, Smell, Taste, Touch, Conditions, Body, Hair, Face, Character Traits, Emotions/Feelings, Big/ Small, Beautiful/ Ugly, Good/ Bad, Interesting/ Boring, A Little/ A Lot, Easy/ Hard, Compare/Contrast, Be Specific! 50 Boring Words and Phrases to Avoid, My Own List of Interesting Words (students get to compile their own lists). I usually provide my daughter with a list of simple prompts (since she is only in second grade, I modified it a little) e.g. "Describe the wonderful smells in the bakery", etc. This is a great teaching resource!

I know the cover makes it look like an elementary-level book. When I bought it, I thought I would just have to have my aide use the lists and make new, high-school looking handouts for my to give my students (giving copyright credit, of course), but the pages are rich with words. There aren't large, silly illustrations dominating the pages at all. Every list is helpful. There's even a list of words to use in essays that I passed out to use for literary and rhetorical analysis papers. I also teach creative writing, and this book is a wealth of information and words that are far from Mickey-Mousy. I wish this company would make a pocket-sized version of this for each of my students to carry around in their backpacks since I want to make copies of every page (hint-hint)!

This book broadens elementary students' vocabulary with just the right amount of breadth and depth. It's much more accessible and user-friendly than a thesaurus. My students won't touch a thesaurus, but they'll happily flip through this book to help themselves find the exact word they're looking for.

Love this book. I have not had the opportunity to see it in practice because I bought it in the summer. However, it seems to be a useful tool for young writers that get stuck on using the same vocabulary. Being reproducible is a plus.

Very good book to prepare your kids for writing assessments.

This has helped my daughter with her school studies. Very skillfully written!

Bought this book for my kids in 5th grade. It has a simple list of words to help them with their writing. Most of the time they have a hard time figuring out a different word to use, but with this book it's become easier. It is categorized by Movements, Action words, -ly ending words, colors and shapes, etc... For example let's say that they need to describe something green. In the green section, some sample words are aquamarine, avocado, emerald, verdure, grassy, etc.. Or to describe something that is 'good-tasting' sample words are appetizing, flavorsome, pleasant, tantalizing....Very easy to use and highly recommend it to teachers and friends.

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