



TOP TIPS FOR WHY HAVE
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WORDS?

If you are being asked to comment on words

**Do NOT NOT NOT repeat the word or phrase they have
used!!!!**

**E.G. What does the word burst tell us about the movement
– don't say - because it was bursting through!**

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If you are being asked to comment on words – imagine you a a living thesaurus and think of other words it means!

- **burst = quick, sharp, explosive, fast, powerful, unexpected,**
- **Then chose 2 quite different words from your mental list – e.g. quick and powerful.**
- **Then make your sentence:-**

“ the word burst makes the reader think that the lava is moving very quickly and is so powerful that is can break the hard rock.”

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If you are being asked to comment on a metaphor or a simile you need to think about the meaning of the comparison.

“Its the second death of Pompeii”

Death of a city = its being destroyed

Second = its happened before

He means that the Pompeii will be destroyed just like it was before by the volcano.

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The hailstones were like golf balls hitting a tin roof.

Golf balls hitting a tin roof = very loud

Golf balls = white and round

He means that hailstones were making a very loud sound.

He could also be comparing the size of the hailstones to the size of golfballs.

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If you are being asked to comment something a character says which sounds as if they are saying the opposite of what they mean.

My precious ironing board – *precious and ironing board are words that do not really go together so she is being sarcastic or humourous.*

I can't wait for my delightful SATS tests! – *you would n't use delightful and tests together!!*

So the person is trying to be funny or sarcastic.

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If you are being asked to comment on the choice of a name for something.

It is usually a compound word made of two words which hold meaning.

Batman – he's called bat man because he flies like bat, dresses like a bat and he is a man.

I am suffering from Sats-ache – if you ache it means you are probably ill. The Sats at the beginning of the word is telling us that it's the Sats that are making him ill.