

- 17.** Create a much more interesting version of this sentence:

The dog barked.

What kind of dog was it? Where was it? Why was it barking? How would you describe the barking? Make the sentence as interesting as possible by choosing your words and details carefully.

- 18.** Here's what the artist called her painting:

*Polar Bear Eating
Vanilla Ice Cream
in a Blizzard.*

To viewers, it looked like a plain white piece of canvas.

How might the artist describe what looks like a plain black canvas?

How about a plain blue canvas?

- 19.** Like looking for a needle in a haystack is a descriptive phrase that we have all heard. Create five different descriptive phrases that mean the same thing.

20.

Here's a bit of a story, told in two and three word sentences and phrases:

*Bob cried. Elizabeth laughed.
Sarah wondered why.*

She asked. Elizabeth told her:

"Bob lost."

"Lost what?"

"The bet."

"How much?"

"100 dollars"

"Ouch. He's crying. I see why."

Tell another bit of a story, using only two and three word sentences and phrases.

46. Write a sentence in which the first word is one letter long, the second word is two letters long, the third word is three letters long, etc. See how long you can make the sentence.

47. *Why? Why? Why?* A four-year-old wants to know *why* chairs have four legs. You explain that it is for balance. “Why else?” she asks. She won’t stop asking “*Why?*” until you help her think of every reason imaginable.

List all the reasons you come up with, both serious and fanciful.

48. King Kong *stomped* along the street. He *crushed* cars with his toes. He *ripped* people from their cars. In five sentences, what else did he do? Use descriptive verbs.

49. You can use 25 words—no more—for a billboard advertising a new product called *Zebra Wink*. Sell your product with those 25 words.

50. *Whine.*
Bellyache.
Complain.
Moan.
Criticize.

Create a conversation that uses some form of each of these words.

51.

Write an incredibly awesome paragraph about your absolute favorite actor, singer or celebrity, using the most outstanding, excellent hyperbole in the whole, entire universe.

Hyperbole is extravagant exaggeration.