Word clines Understands choice of vocabulary impacts the effectiveness of texts

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**A word cline** is a scale of language items (words) that go from weak to strong. When we use interesting, more complex vocabulary in our writing, we better engage our readers and provide more information in our stories, ensuring our message is better understood. We can choose our words carefully to inform our readers exactly what we mean. For example, when we use **said** in our stories, we can provide more information for our readers by telling them how something was said. The word cline below provides some alternate words to **said** that you may like to use in your writing.

shrieked -

screeched -

yelled -

shouted -

said -

In the poem, **“A Hairy Tank”**, the poet, Jenny Blackford, suggests that the wombat in the poem is large, like a tank. Complete the word cline below, starting with the word big, and filling in the blanks, adding more complex and interesting words as you move up the cline.

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