

# Unit 5

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## Thinking About Words

### Descriptive Language

#### Selection: The Strangest Friend

Writers use descriptive language to help draw their readers into a story. Readers use the words, their imaginations, and their experiences to feel and understand the mood, and to create pictures in their minds. Words can create moods that are suspenseful, sombre, calm, or mystical.

1. Use the organizer to record words and phrases from your stories.
2. Remember to look for words and phrases that help you
  - feel the mood.
  - create pictures in your mind.

	Words and phrases from the story that...	Other words and phrases the author could have used to...
<b>establish mood:</b>	Relax on the deck of her house; crow... always made such a racket; seemed truly surprised.	
<b>create pictures:</b>	Beautiful flowers in her mother's garden; bright and shiny; warm from the sun; sharp cry; looking right at her; gleaming in the sunlight.	