

# Unit 5

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## Thinking About Words

### Descriptive Language

#### Selection: The Abandoned House

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>	See lights in the house at night and shadows on the walls; "Trap door!" he screamed; jumped back just in time to save themselves; asked my grandfather breathlessly.	
<b>create pictures:</b>	Overgrown lot; empty for years; strange word on the wall in chalk; so dark they had to use a flashlight.	