

# Vivid, Vibrant Adjectives

AKA: “Adnouns”

**Adverbs** describe verbs while **Adjectives** are words that describe nouns (people, places, things). They should be called “**Adnouns**” if you ask me!

**Technique #2** is an INNER Style technique called a **Vivid Vibrant Adjective**, or **VVA** for short.

**Vivid Vibrant Adjectives** are not too hard. They are actually just like **ly words** WITHOUT the **ly** at the end. Take a look at your LY Adverbs page. In the top area, we have words like:

**abnormally** **enviously** **majestically** **selfishly**

With the **ly** ending, each word is an adverb. BUT, if we take the ly off, we will have adjectives!

**abnormal** **envious** **majestic** selfish (not really VV – look up better word in thesaurus)

For example, they and others can be used in sentences like this:

His **abnormal** response startled the **jocular** group.

The **envious** guest scowled at the **pulchritudinous** birthday girl.

**Majestic** moose roam these **wondrous** forests.

She decided to change her **uncharitable** ways and make a donation to the Cookies for Farmers Fund.



Not all of the words on the LY Adverb page will turn into perfect VVAs, but it is a place to start if you need help finding one.

According to the **Techniques Page**, you will highlight these words **red**. Change the color of the **letters to white**.

# Note:

Some adjectives are boring – they are on your **Banned Words List: big, little, happy, sad**, etc. We do not want boring adjectives, we want **Vivid Vibrant Adjectives!** Even the words **Vivid** and **Vibrant** are adjectives – good ones too, so we would call them **VVAs**. Look up boring and overused adjectives in a thesaurus whenever you need to find vivid, vibrant

adjectives. Also take a look at the handout **Some Alternatives to Banned Adjectives** for suggestions.

Whenever you write for this course, add **VVAs** wherever you can to practice this technique.