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Focus Trait: Voice

Strengthening Voice

The Black Stallion

Writing: Narrative Writing

Weak Voice

I was frightened but also drawn to the horse.

Strong Voice with concrete words, sensory details, and dialogue

The great size of the shining, snorting beast thrilled—and frightened—me. “It may be the last thing I ever do,” I thought as I drew near the animal. “But it will be the greatest thing I ever do.”

Read the following weak sentences. Rewrite them to develop a stronger voice. Include concrete words, sensory details, and dialogue.

1. The horse did not want me to ride him. He threw me off.

2. It was fun to ride the horse. He ran very fast.

3. The horse seemed happy that I was in charge. It was calm.