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# Focus Trait: Word Choice

## Using Descriptive Language

**Lewis and Clark**  
Writing: Opinion Writing

**A. Adding strong verbs and adjectives to opinions can make writing stronger.**

### Weak Writing

Canoeing up the river was difficult.

### Strong Writing

We strained against the powerful current of the river, using oars to pull our canoes upstream.

**B. Read each weak sentence. Rewrite it by adding descriptive words and phrases.**

### Weak Writing

1. The Rocky Mountains are beautiful.
2. The hike through the woods was tiring.
3. Building a campfire is hard.
4. The lake water was too cold to swim in.

### Strong Writing