

This quick test will help your teacher or adviser determine where you are as a writer in general and as a journalistic writer in particular.

REPLACE TWO WORDS WITH ONE

- smiled arrogantly
- ate voraciously
- walked briskly
- talked excitedly

EDIT AND RE-WRITE

1. Its not as if the Wilson's don't have money, they do. Their just to cheap to spend it.

2. Walking back home from school, a pit bull dog escaped from it's yard and almost attacked Joe and I.

3. James Eberhart who advises the yearbook tendered his resignation after school officials made an investigation of yearbook expenditures and determined that Eberhart had spent right about three hundred dollars cash on Selena Gomez posters for the journalism room.

DESCRIBE AN EVENT OR SCENE

Select a scene from your life, such as argument with a sibling or parent, or a conversation with a person very special to you, or a moment of spectacular joy, fear, disappointment or frustration. Describe that scene, using at least two of the following literary devices: dialogue, internal dialogue, alliteration, allusion, hyperbole and repetition.