Explain your language choices

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Understand the idea

Read the whole sentence. Check who or what it is about, the time, and how the words fit together.

Example: She plays every day. Yesterday she played.

Write a 160-200 word reflective commentary on your own contribution. Discuss source selection, audience, structure, register and the effects of two precise choices.

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Try it yourself

1. Write your reflective commentary. Refer to what you actually wrote.

2. Final check: underline one accurate source detail and circle one audience-focused choice in your own text.

Reflect on an actual revision

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Understand the idea

Read once for the main idea. Read again to find the detail or evidence needed for each answer.
Example: A question beginning Why needs a reason supported by the text.
Read this new situation carefully. Use only the stated facts for the first answer. Then improve the sentence and apply the idea to a new situation. Check meaning, punctuation and the reader's needs.
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A writer drafts a message for new library volunteers: All entrants shall proceed to the orientation area. She revises it to: Welcome. Please meet us at the blue desk, where we will help you get started. The revision replaces an impersonal instruction with a clear location and a supportive relationship. It still needs testing with readers unfamiliar with the building.
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Try it yourself

1. Identify two changes in the revision and explain their likely effects.

2. Improve this sentence: The revision is friendlier because it has better words.

3. Write a concise commentary on your own two-sentence welcome message for new volunteers. Quote two choices you actually made and connect each to audience or purpose.