

Name _____

Precise Vocabulary Answer Key

Answers may vary. Accept any replacement that improves clarity and accuracy.

Possible examples:

1. Imprecise word: **thing** or **stuff**
Better word: model, materials
2. Imprecise word: **nice** or **things**
Better word: encouraging, advice
3. Imprecise word: **big** or **a lot**
Better word: major, numerous
4. Imprecise word: **bad** or **stuff**
Better word: guilty, comments
5. Imprecise word: **place** or **cool**
Better word: wildlife sanctuary, fascinating

Part B responses should show clearer, more specific word choices while keeping the original meaning.

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Review what makes a word **imprecise**, such as being vague, overused, or unclear.
 - Model how to test a word by asking, "Could five different readers picture five different things?"
 - Encourage students to reread for meaning after replacing a word.
- **Differentiation**
 - Support: Offer a short list of possible replacements for each paragraph.
 - Support: Allow students to discuss which word feels weakest before circling it.
 - Challenge: Require students to replace **two** imprecise words in the same paragraph.