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## Sharpen Your Words

**Directions:** Replace the vague words or phrases in each sentence with more precise academic vocabulary from the word bank.

significant	influence	complex	justify	reinforce	specific
assess	increase	analyze	contrast	explain	interpret
consequence	decrease	evidence	indicate	suggest	determine

1. The author [talks about] how fear changes the main character's choices.  
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2. The results were [really big], so the scientists paid attention.  
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3. The experiment [shows] that temperature affects reaction speed.  
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4. Many students [feel like] homework is [too much] and it [messes up] their sleep.  
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5. The two articles are [different] because one is optimistic and one is critical.  
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6. Social media can [change] how people view themselves.  
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7. The speaker's example was [good], but it needed more support.  
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8. This law had [bad stuff] happen after it was passed.  
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9. The graph [says] that attendance went up over time.  
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10. The argument is [kind of confusing], and it does not connect ideas well.  
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