

Word Choice Upgrade Answer Key

1 → examined, analyzed

2 → discussed

3 → begin, commence

4 → provided, delivered

5 → employed, utilized

6 → collaborated

7 → stated, announced

8 → demonstrated, revealed

9 → discovered, identified

10 → implemented, produced

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** This worksheet develops **precision in synonym selection**, training students to adapt vocabulary for **formal and academic contexts**, improving essays, reports, and professional writing.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For **younger or struggling learners**, introduce the idea of "formal vs. casual" tone using examples (e.g., buy vs. purchase).
 - For **older students**, ask them to justify why their synonym fits a formal tone better than the original.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Play a "**Formality Switch**" game where students rewrite casual sentences in academic style aloud.
 - Pair students to compare their synonym choices and vote on which sounds most professional.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students revise a short paragraph (like an email or journal entry) into formal writing using at least five upgraded synonyms.
 - Encourage learners to create a "**Synonym Tier Chart**" for common verbs (e.g., say → explain → declare → assert).