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Feeling Words

When translating sentences or paragraphs, the end effect may be that the subject is not doing an action; the subject is **being**. Should this be the case, the reader must see a **feeling word**.

There are some **feeling words** that are more appropriate for speech and rarely used in writing. This is because some all-purpose words need speaking **intonations** to allow listeners to see. These words include: **happy, sad, mad, and afraid, annoyed, and angry**. A character may be “happy” to see his friend, or he may be “happy” that he won 5 million dollars from the lottery. For this reason, the bolded words below (along with annoyed and angry, which go into the “MAD” category) should not be included within sentence translations or summaries.

Examples of more vivid words are below each word. These synonyms are only examples; there are many more words. Keep in mind that synonyms are “like” the word, not a replacement. Therefore, each word has its own unique image/picture. Also, for future reading/writing practice, this worksheet has extra empty boxes for adding new feeling words.

Feeling Words to Replace Empty Feeling Words

HAPPY	SAD	MAD, ANNOYED, ANGRY	AFRAID	OTHER
alive	ashamed	agitated	alarmed	abrupt
astounded	blah	animosity	anxious	absent-minded
big	bored	bugged	apprehensive	anguished
blissful	chagrin	crabby	cautious	anxious
bubbly	dejected	cranky	chary	apprehensive
calm	depressed	cruel	chicken	ashamed
cheerful	despondent	dangerous	circumspect	astound
comfortable	devastated	defiant	concerned	bewildered
confident	disappointed	destructive	cowardly	bored
content	disconsolate	disgusted	disturbed	brave
cozy	discouraged	disturbed	doubtful	careless
delighted	dismayed	dogmatic	dread	clumsy
dignified	dissatisfied	enraged	fearful	concerned
ecstatic	distraught	envious	frightened	confused
encouraging	distressed	exasperated	helpless	contemplating
energetic	down	explosive	hesitant	courageous
excited	downhearted	fed-up	horrified	curious
exuberance	empathetic	flipped-out	intimidated	deceitful
frisky	empty	frustrated	nervous	dedicated
giddy	exasperated	fuming	on-guard	demanding
giving	fearful	furious	panicky	determined
glad	forgetful	grouchy	petrified	devoid
gleeful	frightened	grumpy	reluctant	diligent
grateful	futile	hostile	scared	disgusted
great	gloomy	hot	scared- stiff	distracted
helpful	heartbroken	impatient	shaken	dizzy
hopeful	helpless	incensed	shy	doubtful
jolly	hopeless	infuriated	skeptical	embarrassed
joyful	hurt	irate	spooked	envious
jubilant	lazy	irritated	startled	exhausted

