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Powerful Verbs: 'Walk'

Verbs are known as doing words. Some verbs are used too much in writing and aren't very interesting. An example of this is 'walk'. One way to instantly improve your work is to use a variety of powerful verbs instead.

A thesaurus is a great place to look for words which have the same, or a similar meaning, also known as synonyms. Here are some powerful verb synonyms for 'walk':

saunter	stomp	creep	strut	march
hike	plod	hurry	shuffle	stroll

Task 1 - working with a partner, take it in turns to choose one of the powerful verbs from the word box and act it out. Can your partner guess the verb you are acting out?

Task 2 - Read the sentences below. Has the most appropriate synonym been used? Change the verbs if necessary.

We were in a rush so mum and I had to stroll to the car.

Dad and I went for a relaxing march around the lake.

The model had to plod down the catwalk.

My friends and I went on a shuffle up the mountain.

We had to stomp around the house quietly so we didn't wake up the baby.

Jane and Janesh arrived far too early so they decided to hurry along the seafront.

Task 3 - Look up the word 'walk' in the thesaurus and write any other synonyms in the box below:

Task 4 - Choose 3 powerful verbs for 'walk' and write each into separate sentences below.