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Word Choice Worksheet

Rewrite this passage replacing the underlined words with more interesting alternatives. Use a thesaurus if necessary. Please highlight the words you changed. If you need more room, use the back of the sheet.

It was a nice day. Down by the nice stream, a nice bird sat making nice sounds. The nice sun was up in the nice sky. "Oh, how nice to have such a nice day all to myself," I thought.

Then, a bad bird came along. From the shape of its bad wings and its bad legs I knew it came with bad news. It carried a bad sort of bag over its wing. "Who knows what bad things it had inside?" I thought.

The nice bird soon stopped making nice sounds, and flew away fast. I should have done the same. The bad bird came and landed near me. Even though it was a bad bird, it was nice to have a friend. I took the bag off his wing and inside was a bad message. It said, "Bad adjectives make for bad writing. You had better make them nicer." That meant, I knew, I had to do lots of work.

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