

VOCABULARY WORD CHOICE

Directions: For each pair, explain why the author's word choice is more effective than the simpler alternative.

1. "Baba Nana wailed" vs. "Baba Nana cried"

Why "wailed" is better: _____

2. "Resume her role in the coven" vs. "Go back to her role in the coven"

Why "resume" is better: _____

3. "A pungent ointment" vs. "A strong-smelling ointment"

Why "pungent" is better: _____

4. "She sank into oblivion" vs. "She became unconscious"

Why "oblivion" is better: _____

