

## Using Higher Level Vocabulary: Fiction Writing

### To describe settings

**attractive**

brehtaking  
magnificent  
awe-inspiring  
glorious  
spectacular  
beautiful

**unattractive**

ugly  
unappealing  
unsightly  
hideous  
disgusting  
horrible

**grand**

stately  
impressive  
magnificent  
regal  
splendid  
majestic

**scary**

eerie  
spine-chilling  
unnerving  
sinister  
frightening  
creepy

**busy**

lively  
crowded  
hectic  
teeming  
swarming  
bustling

**quiet**

peaceful  
tranquil  
still  
silent  
noiseless  
calm

### To describe characters

**nice**

pleasant  
likable  
charming  
delightful  
amiable  
good natured

**horrible**

unpleasant  
nasty  
obnoxious  
insufferable  
disagreeable  
loathsome

**beautiful**

attractive  
handsome  
gorgeous  
stunning  
exquisite  
winsome

**ugly**

repulsive  
grotesque  
repugnant  
revolting  
hideous  
vile

**brave**

valiant  
plucky  
bold  
fearless  
courageous  
audacious

**big**

massive  
gigantic  
almighty  
gargantuan  
humongous  
enormous

### To describe feelings

**happy**

ecstatic  
euphoric  
thrilled  
elated  
delighted  
overjoyed

**sad**

miserable  
dejected  
crestfallen  
depressed  
despondent  
heartbroken

**angry**

furious  
livid  
outraged  
annoyed  
incensed  
fuming

**afraid**

frightened  
terrified  
petrified  
terror-stricken  
scared witless  
panic-stricken

**nervous**

anxious  
apprehensive  
worried  
tense  
uneasy  
jittery

**confident**

certain  
optimistic  
in no doubt  
convinced  
positive  
sanguine