



Powerful Verbs

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What Is a Verb?

A **verb** is a **doing, being or action word**.
Can you spot the **verbs** in these sentences?

The wolf walked into the woods.

He followed the path as he strolled towards the straw cottage.

When he reached the old, rickety door, he tapped it and waited.

The wolf **walked** into the woods.

He **followed** the path as he **strolled** towards the straw cottage.

When he reached the old, rickety door, he **tapped** it and **waited**.

Boring Verbs

Some sentences contain verbs that are just a little boring!
They don't give lots of information about the action or make the text
very exciting.

One day, Goldilocks **walked** through the forest.



Edit this sentence and replace 'walked' with a different, powerful verb
which shows the action clearly and gives clues about how or why the
action is taking place.

One day, Goldilocks **skipped** through the forest.

One day, Goldilocks **sauntered** through the forest.

One day, Goldilocks **meandered** through the forest.

Improve the Verb

How can we replace the verb in this sentence to improve the sentence?

Puss **put** the lettuce into the bag.



You could have replaced '**put**' with...

dropped

forced

slipped

placed

hid

threw

shoved

slid

stowed

Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

Jack **threw** the beans out of the window.



You could have replaced '**threw**' with...

launched

tossed

slung

hurled

catapulted

volleyed

heaved

lobbed

propelled

Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

The haggard witch **fell** towards the ground.



You could have replaced 'fell' with...

hurtled

plunged

descended

tumbled

plummeted

sunk

crashed

dropped

toppled

Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

Red Riding Hood **walked** bravely into the forest.

You could have replaced '**walked**' with...

stomped

marched

hiked

stormed

pounded

advanced

charged

headed

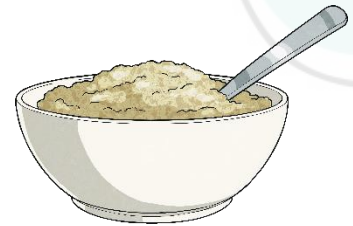
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Improve the Verb

Replace the verb in this sentence with a strong and powerful verb to *show* the action.

Goldilocks **ate** the bowl of porridge.



You could have replaced '**ate**' with...

gobbled

ingested

feasted on

wolfed down

nibbled

scoffed

devoured

munched on

gorged on

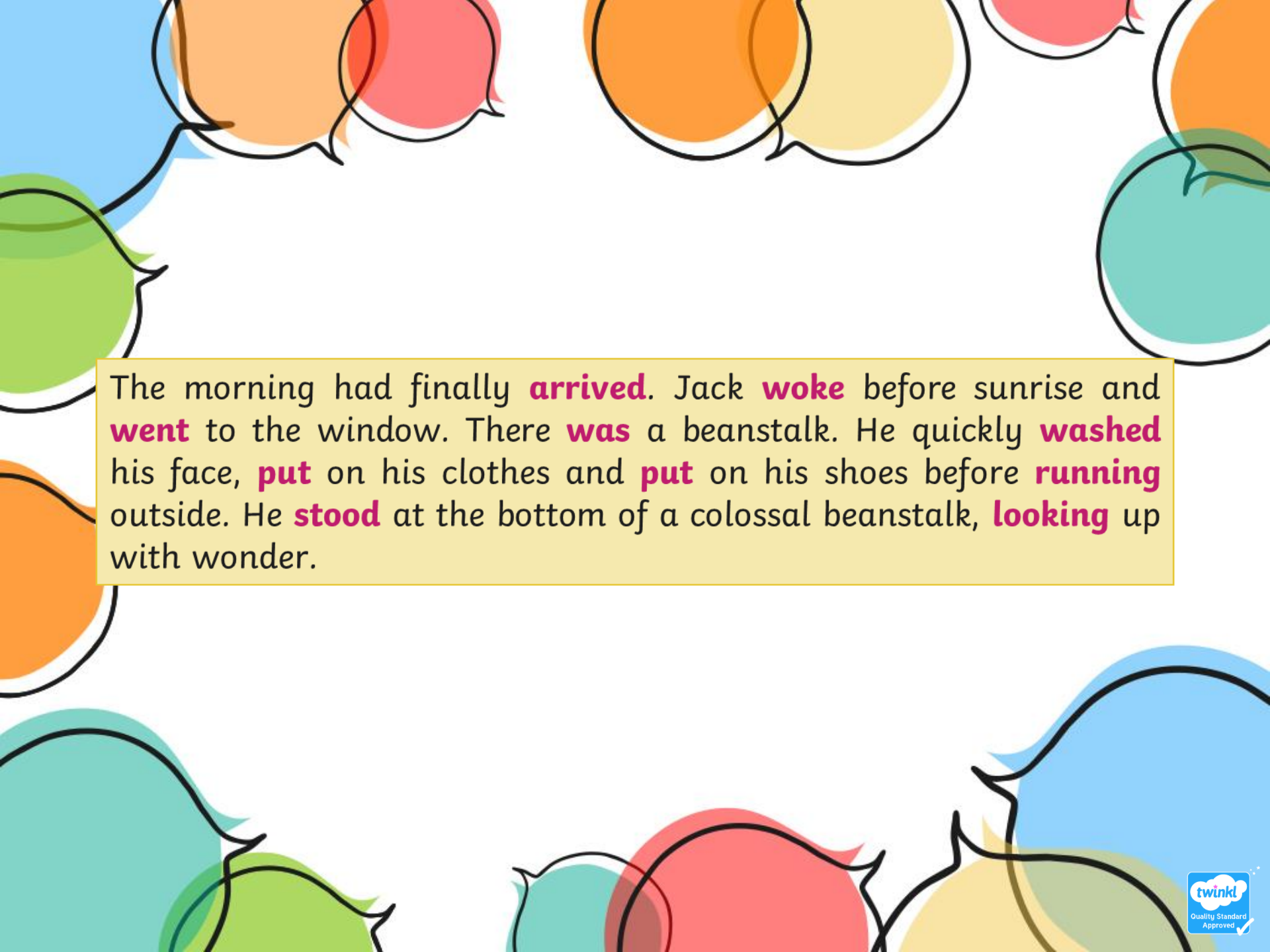
Improve the Passage

Can you spot all of the verbs in this passage and improve them? Choose a verb that will create a clear picture for the reader. Use the word bank below to help you if you need it.

The morning had finally arrived. Jack woke before sunrise and went to the window. There was a beanstalk. He quickly washed his face, put on his clothes and put on his shoes before running outside. He stood at the bottom of a colossal beanstalk, looking up with wonder.

Word Bank

roused	rose	scrubbed	prodded	stirred	threw
donned	pulled	forced	sprinted	scampered	gazed
marvelled	observed	splashed	freshened	dampened	cleansed



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