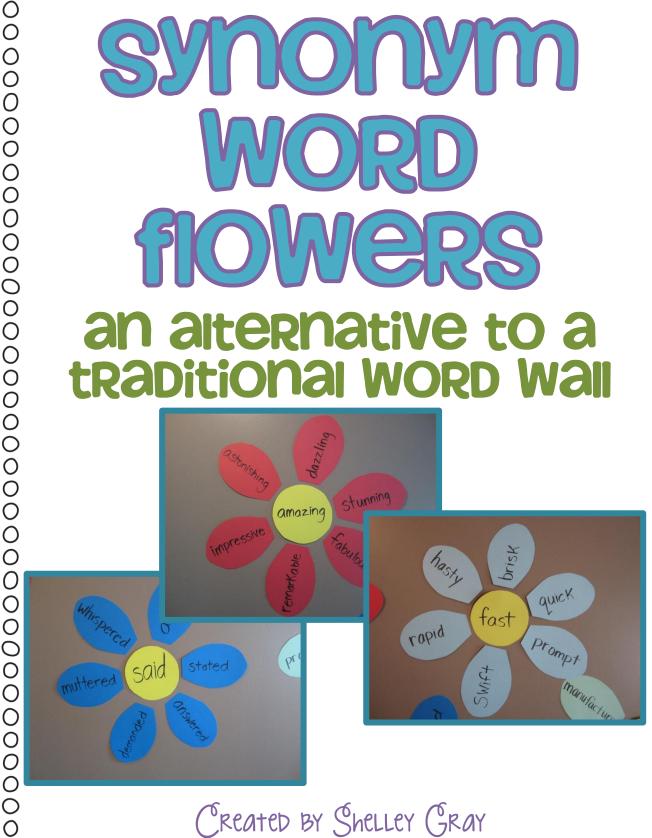
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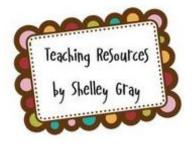


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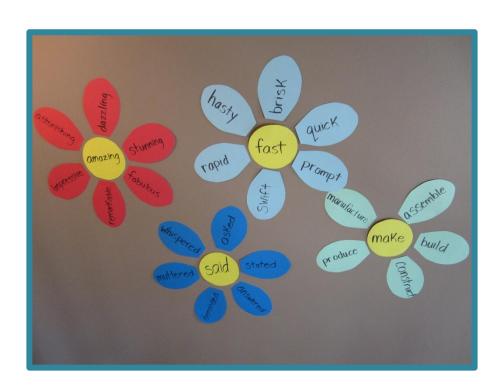


## What are word flowers?

Word flowers are an alternative to the traditional word wall. They are especially useful for upper elementary students who are working on adding greater word choice into their writing.

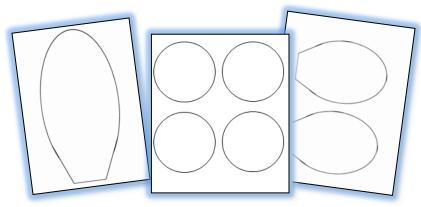
Word flowers include overused words and good synonyms for each one.

Word flowers can be placed on a wall, on cabinet doors, on a bulletin board or in various places around the classroom. When students are writing, they can refer to the word flowers for better options for overused words.



## CHOW to Use Word flowers

**Step #1**: Choose a template. I have included three different template sizes. Depending on the space that you have available, you may choose to make large or small flowers. If you have a lot of space, I recommend using the larger template, as students will be able to see the words from their seats during writing.



**Step 2**: Make copies of flower templates or trace on colored paper. Plan on including five or six petals on each flower. I like to use different colors in order to increase aesthetic appeal.

**Step 3**: Choose overused words that suit your students' ability level. Write these words in the center of each flower. Consult the synonym chart in this package for ideas of overused words that you may include.



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**Step 4**: Complete the brainstorming activity. It is more meaningful if students brainstorm the words themselves, rather than you doing it for them. Although you may be directing students toward the words from the list or that you would like them to include, make it seem like the brainstormed words are "their" idea.



**Step 5**: Use the brainstorming activities to decide the synonyms that you will include for each overused word. Write the synonyms on the petals. Mount your word flowers on a wall or in another visible location around the classroom.



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**Step 6**: Throughout the year, use the Word Flower Activity Sheets in any way that you choose. You may choose to use these as whole class activities, center activities, or as an idea for substitute teachers.

