Objective
The student will produce more precise alternatives for overused words.

Materials
- Worn-Out Words header cards
- Word cards
  Copy two pages and laminate.
- Student sheet
- Vis-à-Vis® markers
- Pencils

Activity
Students write more precise alternatives for overused words.
1. Place header cards face up in a row on a flat surface. Place word cards face down in a stack. Provide each student with a student sheet.
2. Taking turns, students select the top card from the stack and read the word at the bottom of the card (e.g., nice).
3. Write a precise alternative (e.g., friendly) and place under the corresponding header.
4. Read the word.
5. Continue until each header has four alternatives.
6. Record information on a student sheet.
7. Teacher evaluation

Extensions and Adaptations
- Write and sort more precise alternatives for other overused words using header cards. Record on student sheet.
- Write sentences using some of the alternative words.
Worn-Out Words

header cards

awesome

nice

pretty

bad
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Worn-Out Words

word cards

nice

nice

nice

awesome

awesome

awesome
Worn-Out Words

V. 027

bad

pretty

word cards
Worn-Out Words

Name

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awesome

bad

pretty

good