Rough Draft: Focus on Your Word Choice Skills
This drafting worksheet was found on-line at WritingFix (http://writingfix.com)

Instructions: Compose your rough draft on these two pages; use an additional piece of paper, if you need more room to complete your writing. When you have written your rough draft, complete the self-rating checklist on the second page to think about your word choice skills. Use your self-ratings as a conversation starter when you go into a response group.

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Self-Reflecting on your Rough Draft:
Read over your rough draft before rating yourself on these five word choice skills. Draw a ☑️ next to your strongest two word choice skills, a ☐ next to the two skills you might still need to work on, and a ☐️ next to the one skill you promise to think harder about when you write your second draft.

____ I used a healthy dose of action verbs.

____ I used high-quality (though not too many) adjectives to describe my important nouns.

____ My reader will easily know what (or who) all of my pronouns are referring to.

____ If possible, I used precise nouns instead of words like something, nothing and thing.

____ I took risks by using less common and “new to me” words in my rough draft.