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Verb Awareness: ~~COMMON~~ verbs

Choose an average length paragraph from your piece and circle the verbs in each sentence. Then, list all of the verbs you circled in that paragraph in order below.

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| 1. | 6. | 11. |
| 2. | 7. | 12. |
| 3. | 8. | 13. |
| 4. | 9. | 14. |
| 5. | 10. | 15. |

What do you notice about your choice of verbs?

On your list, circle all of the forms of the verb *to be*: **am is are was were be being been**. Try to eliminate as many of those words as possible by rewriting your sentences with stronger verbs. (Remember active voice: **writes** not *is writing*.)