Using Strong Verbs

Revise this example:

The tornado was very close to my house. It was windy and loud. It made me nervous. I was scared.

Select verbs that will strengthen your writing.

Think ABOUT

- Have I used action words?
- Did I stretch to get a better word—*scurry* rather than *run*?
- Do my verbs give my writing punch and pizzazz?
- Did I avoid *is*, *am*, *are*, *was*, *were*, *be*, *being*, and *been* whenever I could?

See the sample response, page 188.