Generic and Vivid Verbs in *Hamlet*

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In *Hamlet*, act 1, scene 5 lines 13–31, the Ghost uses some generic verbs. Use a thesaurus to change the generic verbs below into more vivid verbs. Write two new verbs for each generic verb making them livelier. Then reverse the process, changing the vivid verbs into more generic ones. Write two new verbs for each vivid verb making them blander.

Changing Generic Verbs to More Vivid ones

Walk
1. _____ 2. _____

Tell
3. _____ 4. _____

Make
5. _____ 6. _____

Stand
7. _____ 8. _____

Love
9. _____ 10. _____

Changing Vivid Verbs to More Generic ones

Confined (Confine)
1. _____ 2._____

Purged (Purge)
3._____ 4._____

Harrow
5._____ 6._____

Unfold
7. _____ 8. _____

Start
9. _____ 10._____