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**From the dazzling bestselling duo Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser, a picture book with an educational twist for the fancy girl with an even fancier vocabulary.**

Fancy words are simply fascinating! Learn how to speak fancy with help from Nancy in this A–Z guide.

From everyone's favorite fancy girl comes an alphabetical guide to enhancing vocabulary. Why say "beautiful" when there are fancy words like "gorgeous" and "glamorous"? Instead of "hello," try "bonjour," which is French and so much fancier! An umbrella will keep you dry, but a parasol will make you feel like a Hollywood movie star!

With this helpful A-to-Z guide, Fancy Nancy shows that making plain words into fancy ones is not only educational, it's fun. Glossary of words included.

## **Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words: From Accessories to Zany Details**

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## **From Reader Review Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words: From Accessories to Zany for online ebook**

### **Sheri says**

Who wants to use a boring word like "disaster", when you can use a *fancy* word, like "fiasco"? This is a fun little book full of fancy words for every letter of the alphabet (with their definitions too, of course!) I can never get enough of Fancy Nancy. The illustrations are always fantastic and she's by far my favorite character to read out loud. My daughter is 8 and should probably start feeling too old for Fancy Nancy pretty soon, but I think she still asks me to read these books to her to indulge me.

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### **Lashaunda Brown says**

Fancy Nancy  
Nancy uses fancier synonyms to replace commonly used words

W.6.5 With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach

Focus: Vocabulary-replacement/synonym mini lesson

Step-by-step:

1. Read a few pages to the class; because this is alphabetic arrangement and not plot arranged, any pages can be chosen even at random
2. Ask students: What in particular stood out to you as listeners/readers?
3. Explain to students the focus of the lesson is to substitute basic, over-used vocabulary with richer words.
4. Go back into the story and pull out specific examples of rich vocabulary ex: "knack"; compliment a student on a skill they have- "John I noticed you have a knack for fixing things like the pencil sharpener." Tell the students that instead of just saying talent or skill, by using the word knack, it adds more depth to the text and challenges them as writers.
5. Pull out a second word from the story like lavender, have student create a sentence using the rich word
6. Have students identify what word the rich word is replacing-in this case, "purple"
7. Remind students as they write, they should push to incorporate richer words over the simpler, over-used vocabulary; also, they should choose words they understand how to use
8. Discuss ways in which students can access richer words ex: thesaurus for synonyms
9. Invite students to incorporate at least 2-3 richer words as they write, or to go back to a drafted piece and circle 2-3 words that they can replace with a rich word

Expected outcomes:

Students should walk away from the lesson with the challenge of enriching their word choice when writing. Also, they should know how to access synonyms for enhancing vocabulary.

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### **Christina says**

little girl didn't like it as much as I thought she would. granted, its basically a dictionary for fancy words so I shouldn't expect her to get too excited, but she does love using her "fancy" words once in a while and it impresses those she uses it upon.

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### **Caroline Siewert says**

Another book in the Fancy Nancy series. In this book Nancy teaches the readers all the fancy vocabulary she knows. She has a fancy word for each letter of the alphabet. In her favorite words she not only teaches the readers new words, but the illustrations also show what they mean. This book can be used to teach kids that using fancy words like Nancy does in their writing can make what they are saying more impactful and interesting. This book can be used as an introduction for a writing lesson for teachers. After reading this book out loud to a classroom the teacher can have students write their own alphabet book. Each student can come up with an overall theme for their book and they can make their words fit the theme and be fancier, more advance, words.

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### **Amanda says**

Very cute story. I read this to my preschoolers and it was fun to introduce them to new words, especially words that are "fancy". The girls love Fancy Nancy.

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### **Emyrose8 says**

Exquisite words in this collection. I'm not a major fan of Fancy Nancy, but she does a lovely job adding fancy words to readers' vocabularies!

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### **Melissa Namba says**

I have a niece who I know will love this. I can see her incorporating these words into her daily conversations.

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### **Karol says**

I love words! This book shows words in their fabulousness with interesting and bright illustrations and in sentences using chosen magnificent words.

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### **Nicole says**

Fancy Nancy usually captivates my 4 year old, but this one was more teach-y than silly. The educator in me

appreciates that it teaches great vocab words, and shows that kids don't have to be afraid of long words. However, my girl quickly lost interest in this book because it lacked a storyline, which is of course what makes Fancy Nancy books so...well, splendiferous!

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## **Shelley says**

### **Summary**

Fancy Nancy wants to share all of her favorite fancy words from A to Z. Fancy Nancy presents classy and clever words to say things in a much more exciting way. She introduces words such as "accessories, dapper, excursion, glamorous, nestle, parasol and even xenophile!" Increase your vocabulary while having fun and feeling fancy with Nancy!

### **My Rating**

4 stars

### **Rationale**

This was my first time reading a Fancy Nancy book. I've seen Fancy Nancy books many times in my library and see the girls at school check them out or even request them quite often, but I had never really understood the hype until now.

Fancy Nancy is adorable and full of personality! She helps young readers expand their vocabulary as they learn about rich new words. I was even impressed that some of the words are somewhat complex for young children such as "dapper" or "xenophile", but Fancy Nancy introduces them with her own definitions and an example of how to use the word in such a way that it is not only easy to understand but even fun!

The artwork to Fancy Nancy is colorful, vibrant, full of life and busy without being overwhelming. There is so much to take in each picture shows off Fancy Nancy's personality while still maintain the original purpose to inform.

Even though Fancy Nancy is without a doubt, a girly-girl, I believe that any girl can relate to her, because she isn't as stereotyped as one may first believe. Fancy Nancy is very playful, lively, sweet, and she has style and what little girl doesn't want to be just like that!

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## **Valerie says**

As a first grade art teacher, I LOVE the idea behind Fancy Nancy. I am troubled by how young girls are confusing their love of frill with sexiness. I feel that many of the media characters they love and emulate add fuel to this problem. But as a former young girl, I understand the appeal of fancy things.

Fancy Nancy is different from Bratz, Disney princesses, and Hannah Montana. She's adorable and appeals to the pink and pretty aesthetic that girls this age are addicted to. But unlike other little girl icons, she is about the fun of being a kid, and not sex appeal.

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## **Kathryn says**

Cute book and great way to expand kid's vocabulary! Nancy says that when you add these words into your

everyday conversation, it's like "adding sprinkles to vanilla ice cream!" So true :-)

The illustrations are charming, as ever--and that is where the problem arises, in my eyes. I believe all (or certainly most) of them are simply replicated from other Fancy Nancy books, so you won't really get anything "new" here.

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### **Toni Chahine says**

Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words: From Accessories to Zany written by Jane O'Connor and Robin Preiss Glasser uses humor to help enhance children's vocabulary. There are cute pictures and sentences with the vocabulary word in it to show kids what the word would look like in a picture or sentence. First the book defines the word in a humorous way. I really enjoyed the illustrations in this book as well. I rated this a 4 out of 5 because I feel this book is more addressed to a girl. I do not think a younger boy would be interested in this, but I did enjoy this book a lot.

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### **Brittany says**

This is a nice a to z alphabet book for any kid who's fashion obsessed. My daughter loves these books.

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### **Alyssa Pierce says**

The first thing that comes to mind is that there is so much vocabulary within this book. There is a fancy word for every letter of the alphabet. The best part of this is that each word is defined by Nancy; her personality shines through every definition. Not only that, but her personality is clear simply through the words that she chooses to include in this book. From glamorous to "Ooh la la!", the words in this book are very fancy. I think my favorite was dapper; it is a fun word that is not used all that often. This book is fun for building vocabulary because not all of the words are very common and they are put into terms that are very easy to understand. While the definitions are a positive, they are also a negative. This is because they are quite limiting. While they are all true, there could be more said, what I mean by this is that the definitions are quite narrow and geared specifically towards what is appropriate for this book.

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