

run

There are many words you can use instead of **run**. All of the words below describe how someone is moving. They can help you to create a much clearer picture of what is happening.

These words describe someone moving in a hurry:

charge
career
tear
dash
hurry
rush
race
speed
dart
fly

These words describe someone moving nervously, or with short steps, like a small animal:

scuttle
scamper
scurry

These words describe how you might run in a race or competition:

sprint
jog

These words are for running away:

escape
flee
run off
bolt

There are many informal words which mean run away:

scoot
scarper
beat it
clear off
make off
take off

Over to you

Can you put some of these words to use? Which words could you use instead of **run** in these sentences?

- 1 As soon as the bell rang, the excited children **ran** down the school corridor and into the playground.
- 2 The sudden thunderstorm sent the shoppers **running** into shops for shelter.
- 3 When he heard the starting pistol the athlete **ran** down the track.
- 4 The robbers **ran away** from the bank with a hoard of gold and jewels.
- 5 '**Run away**' shouted the angry woman to the stray cat in her garden.