

BOOK A Big Mooncake for Little Star

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
awhile	a long time	"let's see if you can make it last awhile"	It takes awhile to grow up into an adult.	What else can you think of that takes awhile?
notice	to see or understand	"Would her mama notice if she took a tiny nibble?"	Have you noticed who is absent from school today?	Let's make binoculars with our hands to show that we are looking for something.
delicious	to taste yummy	"an almost perfect circle all alone and delicious."	The cake my mom made for my birthday was delicious.	What do you think is the most delicious food in the world?
nibble	to take a small bite out of something,	"Little Star took a tiny nibble of the mooncake"	The fish enjoyed to nibble on the food that was sprinkled into the water	Let's all act like we are going to nibble on a cookie.

BOOK Max & the Tag-along Moon

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Reach	to stretch out your arm	Max reached up to give Granpa a big hug goodbye.	When my toy gets kicked under my bed, I have get down and reach for it.	Let's all reach up try to touch the ceiling.
Gaze	to look at something happily for a long time	Granpa and Max gazed quietly at the moon.	I like to gaze at pictures of me and my family and remember happy memories.	What drink do you like to gaze at?
Orb	something circle-shaped	Max watched the beautiful bright orb through the trees.	I have a big bouncy ball that I like to call my giant orb.	Let's stand in a circle holding hands . Look at the giant orb we have made!
Glow	to shine	The moon made a glow through Max's bedroom window	Your night light glows at night so you can see in your dark bedroom.	What else can you think of that glows?

BOOK A Pocket Full of Kisses

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Pouted	Looked sad	Chester Raccoon sat in the hollow of a tree stump and pouted.	When my mom said I couldn't have candy I went to my room and pouted	Show me the face you would make if you pouted
Tenderly	Soft and with care	Mrs. Raccoon smiled tenderly.	My mom patted my back tenderly as I told her about my long day.	Ask your neighbor if you can give them a soft and tender pat on the back
Flushed	Turned red or pink	Even his cheeks flushed to a primrose pink.	The girls nose was so cold it flushed to a bright red color.	Do your cheeks or nose get flushed when its cold?
Widened	Opened more	Ronny's big brother widened his eyes and looked surprised "What's that?" he asked his mother.	As all of my friends yelled surprise for my birthday, my eyes widened.	Pretend you are scared and widen your eyes like this

BOOK Wild About You!

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Shy	Acting a little quiet around people	Some babies are shy.	I am shy around people that I do not know.	Are you shy when you make a new friend?
Snatch	To grab something really fast	The kangaroo scrambled forwards to snatch it.	The boy was so excited to eat his snack that he snatched it from the table.	Pretend to snatch something from your imaginary friend
Grouchy	In a bad mood, to be mean	The pandas, of course, were still gloomy and grouchy.	In the morning I can be grouchy before I eat breakfast.	Make a grouchy face
Curious	Want to learn something new	'What a curious cub," Mr. Panda declared	The boy was curious to learn more about his friends.	What are some things you guys are curious to know?

BOOK Ada Twist, Scientist

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Observe

To watch carefully.

Ada observed the world without making a sound.

I like to observe birds and the trees when I go outside.

Have you observed anything interesting this week?

Spree

Being involved in an activity.

Ada went on a fact finding spree.

I like to go on a shopping spree and buy things that I like.

What kind of spree would you like to go on?

Stench

A really bad smell.

A horrible stench whacked Ada in the nose.

Sometimes my feet have a bad stench after playing outside all day.

What is the worst stench you can think of?

Scribble

to write quickly.

Ada scribbled her questions down.

Sometimes I scribble in my notebook when the teacher talks really fast.

Lets grab a piece of paper and scribble our names down!

BOOK Franklin has a sleepover

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Homesick

To miss your family and home.

Bear's parents wondered if he would be homesick if he had a sleepover at Franklin's.

Sometimes when you're at school, you may feel homesick.

Tell me about a time when you have felt homesick.

Tidy

To clean up.

Franklin will tidy his room before Bear comes.

During clean up time, we tidy up the classroom.

What do you normally tidy up while cleaning your room?

Enormous

Really big.

Bear filled an enormous bag with toys and books.

Giraffes are an enormous animal.

Show me an enormous space with your arms.

Gather

To collect.

Franklin and Bear are going to gather sticks for the campfire.

When you get ready to leave school, you gather your backpack.

Gather a friend for story time!

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Brighten

To cheer up

"Leo will miss all the fun," Albert said. Then he brightened

I brighten when my mom says I can have more TV time before I go to sleep.

What is something that your parents let you do that makes you brighten?

wobble

To move from side to side.

After their fourth ride, Wanda wobbled away from the Ferris wheel.

If I spin in a circle too many times, I will wobble when I stop.

Think of a ride, or an activity that will make you wobble when you are finished.

suggest

To help by giving a choice

Wanda suggested, "You could get a giant bumblebee."

When I am not sure what to wear, my mom suggests one or two shirts I like to wear.

When might you suggest something to a classmate?

grin

To smile

Leo grinned. "That's because I was at the fair!"

I grin when get I know I'm getting ice cream.

Let's all make the biggest grin we possibly can.

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Smash

To crush something

It's a penny smasher.

When Jane didn't like her drawing, she smashed her paper up.

Let's pretend we have Play-Doh and smash it into a flat pancake.

Trade

To give something for something else.

You can trade five pennies for a nickel.

I traded my red crayon for my friend's blue crayon.

(Student's name), will you trade places with (student's name).

Confused

to not understand something

Mrs. Nibble looked confused.

Whenever I see a new word, I am confused

When you're confused, what should you do?

Advance

(to do something) before

I'll even pay you in advance

I thanked my friend in advance for saying she would come to my party.

Let's pretend we are getting dressed in advance for a party later tonight.

BOOK Annie's Plaid Shirt

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Hopeful	Feeling good about a future event	Annie saw the hopeful look on her mom's face.	I feel hopeful that I will get to go swimming at my grandma's this weekend.	What is something you feel hopeful about happening this weekend?
Agree	To say yes to	She agreed to try on just one more.	My sister asked for the last slice of pizza and I agreed.	Turn to your classmate next to you, nod your head "yes" and say "I agree"
Slam	To push or close something hard	When they arrived home, Annie ran to her room and she slammed the door.	I slammed my car door shut to make sure it was closed.	Pretend like your are slamming shut a door.
Frown	When your face shows that you are sad or unhappy	Annie frowned at the dress.	I frowned when I noticed the bad grade on my test.	Let's all turn the corners of our mouth down to make a frown.

BOOK Ricky the Rock that Couldn't Roll

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Giggly	when someone laughs a lot	Emma was giggly.	If your friend tickles you, you might become giggly	Let's all get giggly and laugh!
Round	Shaped like a ball	And because they were round, they could easily roll	A ball you play with at recess is round	What are some other things that are round?
Impressive	Really big, strong or smart	So Marvin the boulder, with his impressive physique	Singing your ABC's quickly is impressive	Let's all make a surprised face (teacher models) and say "Wow! That's impressive!"
Nervous	Worried; scared	They stood back and watched, feeling nervous and tense	Some people get nervous about talking in front of the class.	When was a time that you felt nervous?

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Screeched

A really loud cry

"Just then the wind
screeched and squealed."

Birds sometimes screech
when they are in danger.

Can you screech like a bird?

Blasted

To strongly blow by

"Just then the wind blasted
and blustered."

When a rocket ship goes into
space, it blasts off.

Show me with your hands
how something would blast
by.

Peering

To look closely at something

"...when whom do you
suppose he saw peering
through the window."

When a person walks away
you might peer at them and
see where they're going.

Can you squint your eyes
and peer at your friend?

Silent

To not make any noise

"Everyone was silent."

If you sneak up on someone
to scare them, you would do
so silently.

Shh! Everyone lets play the
quiet game. Lets see how
long we can stay silent.

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Agree

To say yes.

"At last Mommy agrees."

I agreed that we should go to
the park.

Show the person next to you
how you would agree.

Perfect

The best.

"...three perfect cats."

I think your hair looks perfect.

What do you think is
perfect?

Watches

To look at.

Lola watches them.

I like to watch TV.

What do you like to watch?

Evening

Night time.

Every evening Lola gets
ready for bed.

I eat dinner in the evening.

Show me what you do in the
evenings.

BOOK Bearst Friends Forever

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Muttering	to speak in a low voice when you are upset	Clarence heard his parents muttering	My mom mutters when she's mad.	Show me what it sounds like to mutter
Shrugged	moving your shoulders up and down	His parents smiled and shrugged since Clarence thought it was a puppy.	I might shrug if I don't know the answer to a question	Give your best shrug.
Fetching	to go get something	Clarence wanted to teach Bear to fetch sticks.	You can tell a dog to go fetch a stick or a ball after you throw it to them.	Can you please fetch me a book from over there?
Chased	to run after something	Bear ran off and Clarence chased him.	Sometimes I chase my friends in a game of tag.	What are some things you can chase?

BOOK Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Impatient	Wen you do not want to wait	"The cows were growing impatient with the farmer."	When the girl was waiting for her turn to play with the toy, she got impatient.	When is a time you were impatient and got tired waiting for something?
Furious	Very mad	"Farmer Brown was furious"	The boy took his brothers toy and his brother was furious.	Make a mad face and pretend you are furious
Gathered	To come together	"All the animals gathered around the barn to snoop"	When it is story time, the class gathers around the carpet to listen.	Can you all gather in a circle?
Boring	Not fun	"The pond is quite boring."	If you have no one to play with you might have a boring day.	When you play with your friends is it fun or boring?

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rumble	deep, loud sound	Marta's stomach rumbled because she wanted to eat the tortillas.	Lions let out a rumbling noise when they roar.	Pretend your a lion and make a deep rumbling noise.
growl	deep sound	Marta's stomach growled. She was probably hungry.	Some animals growl, like dogs, wolves, and bears.	Everyone growl!
huff	strong blow	The wind huffed the papers into the air.	In the story of 3 little pigs, the wolf huffed and puffed and blew the house down.	Blow as hard as you can, just like the wolf huffed.
sob	to cry	Marta was upset because the dogs ate her homework. She was sobbing.	Look at the tears coming down her cheek. Marta is sobbing.	Let's pretend to sob and then wipe our tears away.

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dart	to move fast	The taxi cabs darted between the buses rumbling down a busy street.	When you play tag, I bet you dart. You are moving fast trying not to get touched.	What other kinds of activities require that you dart around?
disturb	interrupt someone or something	It is rude for little ones to disturb their elders!	Do you sometimes disturb your parents when they are talking on the phone?	Has anyone ever disturbed you?
determination	keep trying at something	Helen was determined to find some friends for Halmoni.	You show determination when you finish your homework.	Make a face that shows you are determined (demonstrate).
expression	look on your face	Everyone watched her expression carefully as she chewed the strange food.	Look at p. 28. Look at the expressions on these children's faces.	I'm going to make a bunch of different expressions. Do them with me.

BOOK The Paper Bag Princess

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Smash	To break something into many pieces	A dragon smashed her castle.	I stepped on my toy and it broke into many pieces.	Everyone smash a pretend birthday cake.
Slam	To shut loudly	He smalled the door so fast that Elizabeth almost got her nose caught.	The boy was angry, so he went into his room and slammed the door shut.	Everyone pretend to slam a door shut.
Fantastic	Really cool/awesome.	Elizabeth said, "That's fantastic!" when the dragon flew around the world.	I love eating juicy burgers from McDonalds. They taste fantastic!	Everyone pretend to eat a burger and say "yummy this burger is fantastic!"
Mess	Something dirty and untidy.	Prince Roald said, "Elizabeth, you are a mess!"	When I don't clean my room, it's a mess.	When was a time that your room was a mess? What did it look like?

BOOK The Biggest, Best Snowman

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Shook/shake	To move up and down or side to side	Big Mama, Big Sarah and Big Lizzie shook their heads.	When I asked mom if she loved me, she shook her head "yes".	Do you like puppies? Naptime? Everyone shake your head "yes" or "no".
Nudge	To push gently	Reindeer nudged the snowball with his nose.	When I fall asleep and it's time to wake up, my mom nudges me awake.	Everyone pretend you are nudging your neighbor awake (Teacher models).
Fetch	To go for and then come back	Crow fetched two pieces of bark for the eyes.	I like to play fetch with my dog.	Does anyone here have a pet that likes to play fetch?
Creation	Something you made	Little Nell and the animals gazed up at their creation.	My favorite creation is a painting I made. I put it in a frame on my wall at home.	Who can tell us about their favorite creation?

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Duchess

A princess or queen

"It's the most beautiful dress in the world...the duchess will love it."

Girls like to dress up like princesses or duchesses.

Who is your favorite Duchess or princess?

Pasture

A big field where sheep or cows live

Irene crossed the pasture in the snow.

When the sun shines in your eyes, you squint.

Everybody squint your eyes like the sun is shining bright.

Cautioned

Warning someone so they don't get hurt

"Easy does it!" she cautioned the wind...

Sometimes stores put "Caution" signs on wet floors.

Everyone say "Be careful!"

Mansion

A very big house

Irene saw a brightly lit mansion.

The White House that the President lives in is a mansion.

Has anyone ever seen a mansion in a movie?

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Whole

Every part

Henry ate the whole book, not just the words and the pages.

A whole pizza is big and round, but pieces of pizza are triangles.

Everyone make a big whole pizza with your arms.

Fierce

Fast, full of energy

The boy was eating at a fierce rate.

I clean my room at a fierce rate when I want to finish quickly.

Everyone pretend like you are fiercely cleaning your room.

Fussy

Picky, choosy

Henry wasn't fussy, and he wanted to know it all.

Babies are sometimes fussy when it comes to food.

Does anyone have a baby brother or sister who is fussy with food?

Discover

To find out something new

Henry discovered that he loved to read.

The boy discovered what colors look nice together when he was painting.

Has anyone discovered something new today?

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peddler

someone who sells things

The peddler called, "Caps!
Caps for sale! Fifty cents a
cap!"

The peddler at the farmer's
market was selling apples.

If you were a peddler what
would you sell?

wares

things to sell

He was not an ordinary
peddler, carrying his wares
on his back.

The man sold his wares at
the fair.

Let's pretend we are selling
our wares in the market?

disturb

to cause to move; to upset

He sat down very slowly and
leaned back little by little so
as not to disturb his caps.

I carried the pile of books
carefully so I wouldn't
disturb them.

How would you sit down if
you were trying not to
disturb the pile of caps?

refreshed

having new strength or
energy

When the peddler woke, he
was refreshed and rested.

I felt refreshed after drinking
the ice cold water on a hot
day.

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gather

to collect; bunch together

The boy gathered her leaves
and made them into crowns.

After dinner, mom gathers
up the dishes and takes
them to the sink.

Let's pretend to gather
leaves and make them into
crowns.

often

happens a lot

When the boy grew older,
the tree was often alone.

I often talk to my best friend
on the phone.

What kind of things do you
do often?

hardly

barely able to

When the boy came back,
the tree was so happy she
could hardly speak.

It was so foggy, I could
hardly see.

Let's try to use the word
hardly in a sentence.

weak

not strong; fragile

"My teeth are too weak for
apples," said the boy.

The old man was too weak
to pick up the heavy box.

Let's act like we are weak
and can't pick up heavy
things.

BOOK Cat & Bunny

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Notice	To see, hear, smell, or feel something new.	Bunny was having too much fun to notice.	I noticed that my mom was baking brownies when I smelled chocolate.	When was a time that you noticed something new?
Rustle	To make a soft crackling sound.	Then she (Cat) heard a purr and a rustle.	My papers rustle when I stuff them in my backpack.	Let's take turns rustling the pages of my book.
Daydream	Dreaming or thinking of something while you are awake.	They (Cat & Bunny) daydreamed together.	When I'm hungry, I daydream about pizza.	What is something you daydream about when you are hungry?
Adventure	A new, fun, and exciting activity.	They had a lot of adventures together.	I like going on adventures at the beach with my friends.	When do you go on adventures with your friends?

BOOK ALMA and How She Got Her Name

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Fit	when something is the perfect size	"Let me tell you the story of your name. Then you decide if it fits"	Do your shoes fit? Then they are the perfect fit.	Let's all check and make sure that our shoes fit.
Poetry	Stories that rhymes	"She loved book, poetry, jasmine, flowers, and, of course, me."	Cat and bat rhyme. You might find those words in a book of poetry.	What other words rhyme? Can you make poetry?
Ancestor	Family from a long time ago	"Ancestors are always with us"	I like looking at old pictures of my ancestors, like my grandparents.	Let's pretend we are grandparents and walk with a cane.
Travel	To go away and see new places	"She hoped to travel, but never left the city where she was born"	I want to travel to Italy to see my grandma!	Is there somewhere you would like to travel to?

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scurry

to move quickly with short steps

The child scurried out from behind the bushes.

Mice scurry across the floor so the cat can't catch them.

Everybody practice scurrying like a mouse.

inseparable

to stay together always

Lucy and Squeaker were inseparable. They did everything together.

My best friend and I are inseparable.

Let's think of some things that are inseparable....like peanut butter and jelly!

whiff

smell or scent

Lucy's sensitive nose caught a whiff of her Squeaker.

I caught a whiff of chocolate chip cookies when I went into the kitchen.

Everybody sniff and tell me what smells you get a whiff of.

valuable

important; worth a lot

Lucy learned the valuable lesson that children make terrible pets.

I keep my most valuable things in a box under my bed.

What are some things that are valuable to you?

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burrow

to make a hole or tunnel

A mole, tired from tunneling along, discovered the mitten and burrowed inside.

I like to burrow into my covers at night because it is nice and warm.

Lots of animals burrow or make tunnels. Let's think of some.

admire

to look at with pleasure

The snowshoe rabbit stopped for a moment to admire his winter coat.

Snow White's stepmother likes to admire herself in the mirror.

What are some things you guys like to admire?

jostle

to push or bump against someone

The mole and rabbit were bumped and jostled when the hedgehog climbed in.

Sometimes you might get jostled when standing in line for lunch.

Let's gently jostle our neighbors.

commotion

a noisy disturbance

A big owl, attracted by the commotion, swooped down.

When the teacher steps out of the room, the students make a commotion.

Let's make a commotion. Everyone make some noise!

BOOK Crysanthemum

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Appreciate	To be thankful	When she was old enough to appreciate it, Chrysanthemum loved her name.	I appreciate my mom. She loves me, and feeds me good food. I am thankful for her.	Let's all show our appreciation for the teacher by saying "THANK YOU!"
Dreadful	Something really bad	She thought it was absolutely dreadful.	Eating brussels sprouts was dreadful.	Can you think of a food that is dreadful to you?
Fascinating	Something interesting	Your name is precious and priceless and fascinating.	The book the teacher read was fascinating.	Can you think of something you learn in class that is fascinating to you?
speechless	When you are so amazed that you can't speak	The students were speechless.	When I see fireworks, I am speechless.	Let's all make a face like we are amazed, surprised, and speechless.

BOOK Flight School

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Hatch	When an egg opens and a baby animal comes out	"I was hatched to fly," said Penguin.	I once saw a snake hatch from an egg.	Have you ever seen an animal hatch?
Soar	fly high in the air	Suddenly Penguin was soaring above the sea and the clouds.	I like it when my kite soars high up in the air.	Let's all pretend we are birds soaring high up in the sky.
Clear	To be free and have have nothing in your way.	The birds were clear for their first flight.	When my room is messy with toys, the ground is NOT clear. I have to pick them up to make it clear.	Let's all pretend like we are clearing dishes off the table after dinner.
practice	To do over and over again.	Penguin kept on practicing hoping to fly.	When you practice playing basketball everyday, you get better and better.	What is your favorite thing to practice?

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impossible

it can't be done

At first he couldn't believe his ears. Cows that type? Impossible!

Sometimes things that are hard to do seem impossible.

Let's think of some things that are, or might seem, impossible.

impatient

unable to wait

The cows were growing impatient with the farmer. They left a new note.

On my birthday, I am impatient to open my presents.

What are some things you might be impatient to do?

snoop

to look around sneakily

All the animals gathered around the barn to snoop.

I snooped around the house looking for my birthday presents.

Let's pretend we are snooping. Everybody tiptoe and whisper.

exchange

to trade

The cows told the farmer they would exchange their typewriter for blankets.

At lunch I exchanged my apple for my friend's banana.

Everybody exchange something with your neighbor.

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chute

a slide

Harry slid down a coal chute and got dirtiest of all.

In Chutes and Ladders, you have to back spaces when you land on a chute.

Everybody put your hands in the air and pretend to go down the chute. Wee!

furiously

quickly; energetically

Harry ran to the corner of the garden and started to dig furiously.

The student colored furiously, trying to finish before time was up.

Let's pretend to dig furiously like Harry.

dash

to run quickly

Up the stairs he dashed, with his family following close behind.

I dashed inside to get out of the rain.

Let's dash from one end of the room to the other.

scrub

to rub hard to clean something

As soon as the children started to scrub, they saw that it was Harry after all.

When I take a bath my mom always reminds me to scrub behind my ears.

What kinds of things would you scrub to clean?

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Kicked	To move your leg very fast and hard.	Avery kicked the toe of his boot in the dirt.	The girl kicked the soccer ball.	Everybody kick your legs back and forth.
Turn	To change someone into something else.	"I'm about to turn you little ragamuffins into cowboys."	For Halloween, I put a mask on and turned into a monster.	Everybody make animal noises and turn into your favorite animals.
Climbed	To go up something.	Avery sneezed as he climbed up to his horse.	Every night I climb into my bed.	Everyone pretend your climbing a ladder.
Lasso	To throw a rope around.	Let me teach y'all how to lasso.	The cowboys lasso their horses.	Everybody pretend to lasso.

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Catch	To chase and grab.	A wolf couldn't catch any prey.	She tried to catch a bird yesterday.	Everybody try to catch butterflies!
Practice	To work hard and repeat something.	He practiced his katas for hours.	I practice karate everyday.	Everyone pretend to practice an instrument.
Sharp	Something pointy and dangerous.	Those teeth look so much sharper.	The kitchen knife is very sharp.	Everyone point to something sharp.
Escape	To run away or dodge something.	She escaped from his clutches unscratched.	The dog escaped from the vet's.	Everyone pretend to escape from jail.

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escape

to get away

Crickwing's leg got stuck on a hungry frog's tongue, but he escaped.

The mouse escaped from the hungry cat.

Let's pretend to escape from the frog like Crickwing did in the book.

sneak

to move quietly

Crickwing would sneak into the forest at night to find food.

When we play hide and seek, I sneak to my hiding spot.

Let's be sneaky. Everybody tiptoe. Shhh....

pounce

to jump suddenly

An ocelot pounced and nearly crushed Crickwing.

The puppy pounced on the ball he was chasing.

Everybody pretend to be a puppy pouncing on a ball.

dazzling

really bright or beautiful

The flower was a dazzling purple color.

The sun shining on the water was dazzling.

Show me your dazzling smiles.

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mischievous

to get in trouble

Charlotte made mischief doing things that sheep are not supposed to do.

I was in time out for making mischief.

Name something you could do that would be mischief.

roam

to wander around

Charlotte secretly roamed through the countryside.

My cat likes to roam around the house.

Where are some places you might roam?

gaze

to look

She would quietly slip away to her special place and gaze at the moon.

When it rains, I like to gaze out the window..

Gaze into your neighbor's eyes.

chatter

to talk fast all at once

The old sheep chattered about what would happen to them.

The students chatter when the teacher leaves the room.

Chatter to your neighbor.

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favorite

something you like the best

Little Critter looks through his favorite clothes for what to wear.

My favorite color is green.

What is your favorite color?

goopy

soft and sticky

Little Critter eats a goopy egg for breakfast.

When it rains the dirt turns into goopy mud.

Name some other goopy things.

famous

known by a lot of people

Little Critter and his friends build famous buildings like the Empire State Building.

Movie stars are famous.

Can you think of any famous people or places?

surprise

something unexpected

Little Critter hopes his mom put a surprise in his lunch.

I had a surprise birthday party last year.

Tell about a time you were surprised.

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pretend

to make believe

At home Lilly pretended to be Mr. Slinger.

On Halloween, we pretend to be lots of different things.

Everyone pretend to be your favorite animal.

permit

to allow

The students were permitted to go to the Lightbulb Lab in the back of the classroom.

Sometimes my mom permits me to stay up late.

What kinds of things are you permitted to do?

furious

very mad

Lilly was furious that Mr. Slinger took her purse away.

I was furious that she ate my candy bar.

Let's make a furious face.

unique

special; not like any other

Lilly demonstrated the many uses and unique qualities of her purple plastic purse.

I made a unique painting in art class.

What makes you unique?

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graze	to eat slowly; to snack	You herd the sleepy cows to the meadow where they graze.	I like to graze on popcorn while I watch a movie.	What kind of food do you like to graze on?
leap	to jump	But the monkey leaps up high to its home in the tops of the trees.	Frogs leap from the riverbank into the water.	Let's pretend to be frogs; everyone practice leaping.
proud/ proudly	feeling good about yourself	...You march proudly around him, lifting the chief stick high.	I feel proud when I make a soccer goal.	When do you feel proud of yourself?
peek	to look quickly	The boy peeks into the little wood shop.	I try to peek inside my presents before it is time to open them.	Everybody peek from behind your hands.

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
clip	to cut	Glenmae was clipping off my wool in great long strands.	I get my hair clipped at the barber.	Pretend you are clipping your hair.
remove	to take away	She removed any bits of twig or burrs from the goat's wool.	The waiter at the restaurant removed my plate when I was finished eating.	Everybody place your hands on the table and then remove them.
smooth	soft; not rough	Removing the twigs makes the wool smooth for making yarn.	I like to find smooth rocks at the beach.	Let's name some things that are smooth.
collect	to gather things together	The goat ate all of the plants that Glenmae had collected.	I collect seashells.	Do you collect anything? What are some things people might collect?

BOOK Friends

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Discovered	Found	He discovered an old boat lying in the tall grass.	I discovered where my brother hid the last cookie.	Pretend you just discovered lots of candy. Show me what you would do
Decide	To make a choice	Good friends always decide things together.	I had to decide what I wanted to wear for the day.	What did you decide to eat today?
Bold	Not afraid	They sailed out on the open water, and as the day went on, they felt very brave and bold.	I felt very bold when I faced my fear of clowns	What makes you feel bold?
Invited	Asked someone to come somewhere	Percy invited them to spend the night with him	My brother invited his friends to his birthday party.	Name who you would invite to your birthday party

BOOK Monsters Love Underpants

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Fright	To be scared	...make explorers faint with fright!	When the girl heard the loud noise she was frightened.	Make a face like something just frightened you
Brave	Not scared	They wear pants bold and brave.	I was being brave when I climbed up the tall tree.	Tell me about a time when you were brave
Slippery	When something is wet or slimey	Their pants get slippery, and slide down all the time!	The floor had lots of water on it, so it was slippery.	Pretend you are holding slippery slime.
Creep	To walk quietly and carefully so you will not be seen	Monsters think it's monster fun to creep around, all scary!	The boy had to creep to the bathroom at nap time so he did not wake his friends up.	Someone show me how to creep quietly

BOOK The Gingerbread Cowboy

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
plump	having a full or round shape	Yes, those breakfast biscuits were plump as pillows.	I bought a plump pumpkin to carve for Halloween.	Think of some things that could be plump.
gobble	eating something very quickly	He jumped over a horned lizard gobbling up ants.	I gobbled up all of the yummy cookies.	Everybody pretend to gobble up some food.
wriggle	twist and turn quickly; wiggle	He wriggled through the corral fence and raced away.	Worms wriggle on the sidewalk after it rains.	Everybody show me how you wriggle with your bodies.
gallop	to run fast; the way a horse runs	He galloped past a prickly cactus and raced away.	The horses galloped in the field.	Let's gallop like horses.

BOOK Piggybook

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
important	having great meaning or power	Mr. Piggit had a very important job.	The President has a very important job.	Who else can you think of who has a very important job?
squeal	a long, high-pitched noise	"When is mom coming home?" the boys squealed.	I squealed when I saw a scary spider.	Everybody squeal quietly.
grumpy	angry; in a bad mood	They all became more and more grumpy.	You might be grumpy if you don't get enough sleep.	Everybody make a grumpy face.
snort	an animal noise	The dad snorted, "We will have to find some scraps."	"Have you ever heard a pig snort?"	Everybody make snorty pig noises.

BOOK Growing up with Tamales

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
deliver	to bring	When she is sixteen Lidia gets to deliver the tamales.	Sometimes I get pizza delivered to my house.	Name some other things to deliver.
chase	to run after	Mrs. Garcia's dog chases the girl's bike.	We chase each other when we play tag.	Let's play duck, duck, goose.
chop	to cut	Lidia chops the meat for the tamales.	Sometimes your mom might chop vegetables for dinner.	Let's pretend to chop vegetables.
spread	to put a thin layer of something on	She spreads the dough for the tamales.	In the morning I spread peanut butter on toast.	What other things might we spread?

BOOK Los Tamales de Ana

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
llevar	traer o dar	cuando tenga dieciséis Lidia llevará los tamales.	A veces, llevan pizza a mi casa.	¿Cuales otras cosas puedes llevar a otros lados?
perseguir	correr detras de algo o alguien	El perro de la señora García perseguia a Ana.	Yo persigo a alguien cuando jugamos afuera.	Vamos a perseguir la pelota.
cortar	hacer pedasos	Lidia corto la carne para los tamales.	aveces tu mamá corta comida para la cena.	finje que tu cortas vegetales.
embarrar	untar	Ana embarrò la masa para los tamales.	en las mañanas embarrò la mantequilla en el pan.	¿que otras cosas podemos embarrar?

BOOK Hair

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
different	not the same	Everybody in our family has different hair.	We are all wearing different shirts.	Everybody name something about yourself that is different from the rest of the group.
lazy	slow-moving; not active	My hair is lazy. It never obeys barrettes or bands.	On the weekend I like to be lazy and watch TV all day.	What are some examples of being lazy.
obey	to follow directions; do what you're supposed to do	My hair never obeys barrettes or bands.	It is important to obey the teacher's directions.	Name some rules you should obey.
slippery	hard to hold onto	Nenny's hair is slippery. It slides out of your hand.	Soap is slippery.	Pretend you are trying to hold something slippery.

BOOK Pelitos

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
diferente	diferente	Todos en nuestra familia tiene pelo diferente.	Todos en nuestra familia tiene pelo diferente.	Todos en nuestra familia tiene pelo diferente.
flojo	flojo	mi pelo es flojo, no obedece a broches o diademas.	En el fin de semana me gusta ser flojo(a) y ver televisiòn.	En el fin de semana me gusta ser flojo(a) y ver televisiòn.
obedecer	cumplir lo que se manda	Mi pelo nunca obedece broches o diademas.	Es importante obedecer la instrucciones de la maestra.	Es importante obedecer la instrucciones de la maestra.
Resbaloso	Si halgo esta mojado, es resbaloso. Muy difìcil para agarrar	El cabello estaba resbaloso que su mano se resbalo	El jabon esta resbaloso	Fingen que estan tratando de agarrar un jabon

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Reflection	When you can see yourself like in a mirror or in a window	He looked at his reflection in a store window.	Every morning I look at my reflection in the mirror.	When you look at your reflection what do you see?
Delicious	Something that tastes very good	Archie tasted delicious!	I think that cheesecake is very delicious.	Pretend you are eating a delicious snack
Whispered	When you say something very quietly	Archie whispered something to Peter and ran off	I have to whisper when I am in the library.	Turn to your neighbor and whisper something nice about them.
Announced	To tell everyone something out loud.	"Ok!" Peter announced	I announced to the class that I was having a birthday party.	Raise your hand and tell me something you would like to announce to the class

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Kind	Very nice	Cinderella was kind and caring	When I share my toys, I am being kind.	Say something kind to the person next to you.
Chores	Small jobs you do at home	Cinderella had to do chores like sweeping and cleaning.	My mom told me one of my chores is to do the dishes.	Pretend you are sweeping the floor as a chore.
Hurried	To go fast	Cinderella hurried away from the ball.	When I am late somewhere, I hurry to get ready.	Where are places you hurry to?
Overjoyed	Very happy	Cinderella and the prince were overjoyed that they found each other.	The boy was overjoyed when he got to play with his favorite toy.	Make a face that shows you are overjoyed.

BOOK How Big is an Elephant?

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
enormous	really big	He stopped and stared at an enormous stone.	Airplanes are enormous.	Can you think of something else that is enormous?
scold	to speak angrily	She was teaching them tricks and scolded, "Take care!"	I sometimes scold my brother when he borrows my toys without asking first.	Can you think of a time when someone scolded you?
rumble	a loud noise	The bump began to rumble.	Thunder rumbles during a thunderstorm.	Everyone put your hands in the air, wiggle your fingers like rain and rumble like a thunderstorm
wobble	to shake and jiggle	His huge round body wobbled like jelly.	I wobble when I'm dizzy from spinning in circles.	Everyone wobble from side to side like jello.

BOOK The Penguin Who Wanted to Fly

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
flop	To sit or fall over, especially when you are tired	Flip-Flop flopped to the ground.	When I am tired at night, I flop into bed.	Everyone sit criss cross, and then pretend to flop over (teacher model)
build	To put things together	Flip-Flop built an airplane out of snow.	I like to build things with Legos.	Everyone pretend we are building a big house out of legos.
gentle	Soft and light	Polar Bear gave Flip-Flop a gentle hug.	My mom gives me a gentle kiss goodnight.	Everyone give your neighbor a gentle hug.
squeal	To make a really high, loud sound.	Flip-Flop squealed when he was flying.	I squeal when I'm going down a rollercoaster.	Can you remember a time when you squealed?

BOOK How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Slam	Hitting something hard.	"Does a dinosaur slam his tail and pout?"	I could slam the pinata at a birthday party to get the candy out.	What things do you slam when you're playing outside?
Swing	Moving back and forth.	"Does he swing his neck from side to side?"	I swing my hands back and forth when im dancing to my favorite song.	Can all of you pretend you're an elephant and swing your trunk?
Whisper	Talking very quietly.	"They whisper good night!"	I whisper when it is night time and I dont want to wake anyone up.	Can we all practice saying goodnight in a whisper?
Mope	Looking sad.	"Does he mope, does he moan, does he sulk, does he sigh?"	When my mom asks me to do something I don't want, I sit and mope.	Show me the face you would make if you were to mope.

BOOK Dinosaurumpus

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Shiver	Body shaking because you're cold or scared.	"It makes you shiver. A thundery sound."	If you go outside without a jacket on in the cold, your body will shiver.	Everyone show me how you would shiver.
Gnashing	To grind your teeth together.	"Tyrannosaurus crashes in, gnashing his jaws."	Sometimes if someone if upset, they will gnash their teeth.	Do you know someone wo gnashes their teeth?
Perch	To sit on something.	"She perches on her tail and twists in a spin."	Birds are normally perched on tree branches.	How would a bird perch on a branch? Show me in your seat!
Drift	Moving slowly.	"The rompers drift together and tumble in a heap..."	A leaf floating on the water will drift by.	Show me with your hands how something would drift by.

BOOK Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Vanish	To go away.	"Her favorite shoes vanished."	I could not find my pencil on my desk, it must have vanished.	Have you ever had anything that vanished? What was it?
Twinkle	To look shiny and bright.	"Juno saw something twinkling at her from the darkest, dustiest depths of her closet."	The star was twinkling in the dark night sky.	Lets look into a partners eyes and see if they're twinkling.
Victory	To have won.	"Game-set-match- victory was hers in Serena's shoes!"	I was running in a race and got first place, I lead my team to victory!	Show me how you would feel when you had a victory and won a race.
Twirl	To spin in a circle.	"Once Juno started twirling in Misty's ballet slippers, she couldn't stop!"	When I listen to music, I twirl around and dance.	Raise your hand if you can show me how to nicely twirl in a circle.

BOOK Bearst Friends Forever

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Mutter	To speak in a low, angry voice.	"Clarence heard his parents muttering."	My brother mutters when he's angry.	Let's all show how we would mutter.
Shrug	Moving your shoulders up and down.	"His parents smiled and shrugged since Clarence thought it was a puppy."	I might shrug if I don't know the answer to a question.	Show me your best shrug.
Fetch	To bring something back.	"Clarence wanted to teach Bear to fetch sticks."	You can tell a dog to go fetch a ball after you throw it to them.	Will someone raise there hand band fetch me a book from over there?
Chase	To run after something.	"Bear ran off and Clarence chased him."	Sometimes I chase my friends in a game of tag.	What are some things you can chase?

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Found

To find something you are looking for.

One day he found a penguin at his door.

He found his lost dog at the park.

What have you lost and then found?

Disappointment

The feeling of wanting something but not getting it

That night, the boy couldn't sleep for disappointment.

When my best friend doesn't come to class, I feel disappointment.

Everyone make a face that shows disappointment.

Delighted

Very happy

The boy was delighted when they reached the South Pole.

I'm delighted when I eat my favorite food.

When do you feel delighted?

Search

To try to find something by looking

The boy searched and searched for the penguin.

The girl searched for her lost toy.

Everybody pretend like you are searching for a lost toy.

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Covered

To take up all the space somewhere.

Our world is covered with rivers, lakes, seas, and oceans.

I cover my paper with paint when I make art.

Everyone cover your hands over your eyes.

Float

To sit on water and not sink.

A whole crowd of people could sit on the boat and it would still float.

My rubber ducky floats in the bath tub.

Share something that floats.

Loose

When something is not tight.

Form a very loose ball and place it over the water.

Some clothes fit very loose.

Point to something loose.

Sink

Something that does not float.

Place a ball of clay in the water, it sinks.

Forks and plates sink in the dishwater.

Share something that sinks.

BOOK Mae Among the Stars

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Succeed	to win or to do well	Many say that daydreamers never succeed, but Mae was different.	This morning, I succeeded at making my bed.	What have you succeeded at today?
Search	to look for	Mae searched for books about space and astronauts at the library.	Have you ever lost a toy that you had to look for? If you've ever had to look for a toy, you were searching!	Let's practice searching! (Have students pretend to look for something)
Surround	to be all around someone	In her dream, Mae was surrounded by billions of stars.	I like to be surrounded by all my favorite toys.	Let's make a circle. Now, someone stand in the middle and spin around. Are you surrounded?
Encourage	to give someone hope and make them feel good	Mae's teacher didn't encourage her to be an astronaut.	My teachers encourage me to do good in school. They make me feel good so that I can get my work done.	Has someone ever encouraged you? Have you ever encouraged someone else?

BOOK That Pesky Rat

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Pesky	causing trouble, annoying, sneaky	"People call me that pesky rat"	I don't like it when a pesky mosquito keeps trying to bite me.	Let's all be pesky by tapping our neighbor on the shoulder. Don't stop! You've got to be pesky and annoying!
Dull	not fun or exciting, boring	"never a dull moment"	Sometimes when I see the same movie over and over, it gets dull.	What is something that you think is dull or boring?
Notice	to see or give your attention to something	"you could always hang a notice in the window"	Did you notice anyone missing from school today?	Can you share something you noticed on the way to school this morning?
Demand	when people want something	"There isn't much demand for brown rats."	Lots of kids like Legos, so there is a big demand for Legos.	Can you think of something else with a big demand?

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reach

to stretch or hold out

Mama reached for the ball over her head and caught it.

Sometimes we have to reach up to get things off high shelves.

Everybody reach your arms above your head.

fancy

pretty; expensive

Mama's uniform skirt had a fancy patch.

For special occasions we dress up in fancy clothes.

Can you think of anything fancy?

celebrate

to have a party because of a special occasion or event

That night we had a party to celebrate Mama's new job.

We celebrate birthdays and holidays.

What do you do to celebrate your birthday?

practice

to do something a lot; over and over again

Mama practiced baseball whenever she could because it was her job.

At school we practice our letters and numbers so that we can remember them.

Name some things you practice.

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ACTIVITIES

gift

talent; special skill

The boy, who was called "Little Gopher", was not without a gift of his own.

Some people have artistic gifts or are gifted at sports.

What kinds of gifts do you have?

wise

very smart; knowing many things

The wise shaman of the tribe understood that Little Gopher had a gift that was special.

Owls are considered wise animals.

Do you know anyone who is wise?

sink

to go to the bottom; to fall to a lower place

Then the sun slowly sank behind the hills and the sky grew dark.

When you drop heavy things in water they sink.

Name some things that would sink in water and some things that would float.

create

to make

He took out his brushes and his pots of paints and created the stories of the People.

In art class, we create beautiful paintings.

Have you created anything? What was it?

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match

to go together

Marisol your skin is brown, but your hair is the color of carrots. You don't match!

My socks don't match. One is blue and one is red.

What types of things should match?

clash

does not go together

Marisol, those pants don't match that shirt! They clash.

Polka dots clash with stripes.

Let's think of some colors and patterns that clash with each other.

scrunch

to wrinkle up

At lunch Ollie walks over and scrunches his nose.

Sometimes my socks get scrunched up in my shoes.

Let's scrunch our noses like Ollie.

creative

able to come up with new, different, ideas

Marisol's teacher tells her that her art is creative.

In art class I make creative paintings.

There are lots of ways to be creative. Let's think of some!

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Collect	To bring together and keep.	Max's other brother, Karl, collected coins.	He collected action figures.	Everyone pretend to collect flowers.
Admire	To happily look at something	Everyone admired Karl's coins.	I like to admire Christmas lights when it's Christmas time.	What is something that you like to admire?
Spread	To stretch out something onto something else	Max spread his words on the floor.	I spread peanut butter onto bread.	Everyone spread peanut butter on a pretend sandwich.
Copied	To rewrite something in the same way	Max copied book words on small pieces of paper.	I copy words from the blackboard onto my paper.	Everybody pretend to copy the book title onto your hand.

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Collect	To bring together and keep.	The girl collected seashells in her bucket.	Some children collect Pokemon cards.	Everybody stand up and collect 3 things that are the same color.
Curious	To want to know something.	The girl was scared but curious about the Merminnie.	Teachers are curious about how to help children learn.	What are some things you are curious about?
Balance	To stand carefully without falling	The girl balanced on the surf board.	I can balance a book on my head.	Everyone pretend to balance on a surf board.
Famous	Known about by many people	Aqua was a famous Merminnie.	Justin Bieber is famous.	Can you name a famous person?

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Joy

Very happy

Her heart was filled with joy

When the boy opened his gift on Christmas, he was filled with joy.

Show me the face you make when you are filled with joy (happy face)

Gaze

To look at

He gazed at the wall

I gazed at the pretty pictures in the book.

Everyone gaze at this picture (point to book)

Scurry

Move fast

The shadows scurried away

The squirrel scurried away when I walked near it.

Use your fingers to scurry across your hand like this (demonstrate)

Decorate

Make something look pretty by adding things to it

They decorated sidewalks with poetry and shine

The girl decorated the cake with frosting and sprinkles.

What else can you decorate?

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Tundra

A cold place with no trees

Long ago ...there were only little black crowberries on the tundra

Polar bears live in the tundra.

Pretend you are cold in the tundra. (pretend to shiver)

Scraps

A small amount of something, left overs

She even found four tiny scraps of cloth colored red, blue, orange, and rose.

I was so hungry, there were no scraps left on my plate.

When you eat do you leave scraps on your plate?

Vast

Big

She turned in a circle and looked out all around her at the vast moonlit tundra.

The vast forest had lots of trees.

What other places are vast?

Sprang

To do a fast jump

She jumped over the crowberries, sprang over the cranberries

My dog sprang up from its bed to eat its bone.

When is a time you sprang up to do something?

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Ache/ Aching

To hurt badly or be in pain.

Wolf's belly was aching for bacon.

After I tripped and fell my foot was aching.

When was a time that something on your body was aching?

Search

To look for something.

Wolf went searching for some meat

When I lose my glasses, I search everywhere for them.

Everyone pretend your are searching for something (teacher models)

Hasty/ Hastily

To do something quickly and uncarefully.

Wolf hastily thought of a plan when he saw Riding Hood.

When I'm late for school, I have to eat breakfast hastily in the car.

When was the last time you did something hastily?

Massive

Very big

Grandma's biceps looked massive.

Yesterday, I got a massive package in the mail.

When was a time you had or saw something massive?

WORDS

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ACTIVITIES

Brave

to not be afraid

The Little Snowflake was brave.

I am afraid of dogs, but I pet one anyways. I am brave.

When was a time that you were brave?

Twirl

to spin around

The Little Snowflake saw other snowflakes twirling around.

I like to twirl when I dance.

Everyone stand up and do a twirl (teacher models).

Shout

To yell

The snowflake shouted at Little Snowflake for bumping into him.

When I see my friend far away, I shout their name.

When was a time that you shouted something?

Stack

To put one thing on top of another

The children stacked the snowballs to make their snowman.

I stack my legos to make buildings.

Let's practice stacking - can you find some books for us to stack?

BOOK Olivia & the Fairy Princess

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
depressed	very sad	Olivia felt depressed.	I get depressed when it's raining outside and I can't go out to play.	Everyone make a sad face, and say "I'm depressed."
alternative	a different choice	Olivia's classmates wanted to be pink princesses, but she wanted them to be something alternative.	When my mom puts a food I don't like in my lunchbox, I ask for an alternative.	Can you think of a time when you asked your mom for an alternative?
effective	helpful	Dressing as a warthog was an effective way to scare away all her classmates.	Crayons are effective tools for coloring.	Can you think of an effective tool for cutting?
occur	to have an idea	An idea occurred to Olivia in her bed.	It sometimes occurs to me that I am hungry and should eat something.	Everyone make a gesture like you just had a great idea, and say "aha!" (teacher models)

BOOK Smiley Shark

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
long for	to want something	Smiley Shark longed to swim with the other fish. He wanted to play with them.	Sometimes when I'm hungry, I long for a big slice of pizza. I really want pizza!	What are somethings you long for, or really really want?
shiver	to shake when you're cold or scared	The jellyfish shivered and ran away when Smiley Shark asked her to play.	I shiver when it's cold outside and I don't have a jacket on.	Everyone pretend it's really cold in here. Let me see you shiver! (teacher models)
twirl	to spin in a circle	The starfish was twirling around the ocean.	When a song I really like comes on, I like to dance and twirl around.	Everybody stand up and practice twirling. (teacher models)
dart	to run fast	Everyday they can be seen dipping and diving, darting and dashing...	My dog darts after squirrels sometimes.	Everyone make pretend legs with your fingers and dart up and down your legs.

BOOK Pinkalicious

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
gobble	to eat really fast	The girl gobbled up the cupcakes. She ate all of them!	If you are really hungry you gobble up all the food.	Pretend you're gobbling up a bunch of food in front of you.
refuse	to say no or don't do something you are told to	The girl refused to go to bed. She didn't go to bed, even when her Daddy told her to.	When you're parents tell you to take a nap, but you're not tired, do you refuse to go to bed?	What if someone wanted to give you something rotten and stinky...would you refuse it?
sneak	to walk very quietly	The girl sneaked into the kitchen. She had to be really quiet.	When you're playing hide and seek, you have to sneak around so your friend doesn't find you.	Pretend you're sneaking around. Walk very quietly so no one hears you.
squeeze	to hold tightly	The girl squeezed the relish into her mouth.	When you can't get ketchup out of the bottle do you squeeze it? Do you squeeze your teddy bear? What else do you squeeze?	Pretend you're giving someone a big hug. Squeeze them really tight!

BOOK Stellanina

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
clutch	to hold onto something tightly	Mother Bat clutched Stellanina. Mother Bat held Stellanina very tightly.	At night do you clutch your teddy bear so that he doesn't fall off the bed?	Pretend you're clutching Stellanina to your chest. Hold her very tightly!
clamber	to climb	The birds clambered back into the nest after hanging upside down.	The birds climbed into the nest. People can clamber up a ladder or a tree. That's fun!	Let's pretend to clamber up a tree.
delicious	tastes yummy	Mother Bat wanted Stellanina to eat very good food. She wanted to show Stellanina the delicious food!	I can think of delicious food, like ice cream and strawberries, but not bugs!	What food do you think is delicious?
stuffed	to be full of something	Stellanina was stuffed after eating all of the fruit!	When I eat too much, I feel stuffed. Have you felt stuffed before?	Rub your tummy like you are stuffed because you just ate a lot of food.

BOOK Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, and Stinkers

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Protect	To keep something safe.	"Their hard, strong shells protect them from predators."	We wear helmets when we ride our bikes to keep us protected.	Tell me about someone who has protected you.
Silent	To be very quiet.	"When an Okapi senses danger, it silently sneaks out of sight."	When a teacher is talking you are silent.	Everyone show me how to be silent.
Admire	To like something.	"...but this book is not about animals we admire."	I admire how cheetahs run so fast.	Tell me something that you admire.
Huge	Very big.	"...In a world full of predators with huge teeth and razor sharp claws."	Elephants are Huge animals.	Show me how huge your arms spread out.

BOOK Olivia

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Copying	Repeating someones action.	Olivia's brother is copying her.	I like to copy what my brother says.	Can you copy my dance moves?
Firm	Strongly felt.	Sometimes, Ian just won't leave her alone. Olivia has to be firm	My mom is firm when it comes to my bed time.	Tell me what rules your parents are firm about.
Bask	Lie down in a warm place.	Olivia likes to bask in the sun.	When I went to the pool why my friends, I basked in the sun to dry off after.	Let us lie down, like we are basking in the sun.
Comb	To brush through something.	After she gets up, and moves the cat, and brushes her teeth, and combs her ears..	I comb my hair every morning before school.	Can you comb your fingers through your hair?

BOOK Side by Side

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Nestle / nestled	To get cozy and comfortable with something	The mouserly folk nestled in burrow holes under an oak.	I nestle into my blanket and pillows at night and fall asleep.	What do you like to nestle with?
Scurry	To walk fast	She would scurry and skip as fast as she could.	Squirrels scurry up and down trees.	Everyone pretend like you are a squirrel and scurry across the ground.
Echo / echoed	To repeat	From high in the branches, a voice echoed down	Teachers sometimes ask you to echo the words they say.	Everyone repeat after me: Echo - echo - echo! (teacher makes vocal echo sound)
Den	A cave used as a hide out.	They could hide in their den and share a nice snack.	The bear went to sleep in his den.	Can you tell us about a time you saw an animal crawl into their den?

BOOK The Barn Owls

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
doze / dozed	To nap	Owls have slept there all day long and dozed in the scent of wheat.	When I am tired, I sometimes I doze off for a few seconds.	Everyone pretend like you are falling asleep - you are dozing off.
shrink	To get smaller	Moons swell and shrink.	Sometimes my clothes shrink after I wash them.	Let's all stand up tall and stretch. Now let's all shrink into a ball.
split	To break into parts	...long snakes sunned and split their skins...	When we eat pizza, we split it into 10 pieces to share.	Can anyone tell us about a time you split something up so you could share it?
loft	A small room under the roof of a house or building	Eggs have hatched in the loft of the barn.	All of our Christmas decorations are kept in the loft of our house until December.	Everyone pretend like you are walking up stairs, then crawling into a loft.

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clutch	to hold tightly	Each night Mother Bat would carry Stellaluna clutched to her breast as she flew.	The girl clutched the dollar in her hand while she waited to buy an ice cream cone.	Everybody clutch something in your hand.
spy	to see	One night, as Mother Bat followed the heavy scent of fruit, an owl spied her.	The boy spied the ice cream truck coming down the street.	Let's play I-Spy!
clamber	to climb awkwardly	Stellaluna quickly clambered from the nest and hung out of sight below it.	The kids clambered into bed when they heard their mom coming down the hall.	Let's clamber across the room on all fours.
perch	to rest on something (i.e. a branch)	Stellaluna and the birds perched on the branches for a long time.	The cat perched on the fence watching the birds in the tree.	Everybody perch carefully next to your chair.

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
mistaken	confused with; thought to be something it is not	The atlas moth is so large that it is often mistaken for a bird.	Sometimes I am mistaken for my sister since we look alike.	Let's think of some things that could be mistaken for other things.
enormous	really big	The giant squid lives deep in the ocean, where its enormous eyes help it see.	The elephant at the zoo was enormous.	Let's think of some more enormous animals.
rare	not seen very often	The rare giant walking stick is the world's longest insect.	Having a class pizza party is a rare event. It doesn't happen very often.	What are some things that are rare?
giant	really big	The giant Gippsland earthworm lives in Australia.	There is a giant tree in my backyard.	Let's all take giant steps across the room.

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Dashed	To run really fast	After he realized he forgot his money, Preston dashed out of the store.	Cheetahs dash through the jungle.	Everyone make 2 legs with your fingers and dash up and down your legs.
Suddenly	Happening quickly	Preston moves suddenly and the fox can't catch him.	Lightning strikes suddenly.	Can you tell us about a time when something happened suddenly?
Decide	To choose to do something	Preston decides to use the back door.	I decided to play with my legos, and not my Gameboy.	Can you tell us something you decided today?
Enormous	Very big	Preston's mom gave him an enormous cuddle.	Elephants are enormous.	Everyone show me with your hands, how big is enormous?

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Gulp	To swallow quickly	Mole gulped when Fox said he wanted to go to the moon.	I gulp down milkshakes.	Everyone pretend to gulp down a milkshake.
Hitch	To tie a rope onto something	Fox wanted to hitch a rope onto the moon.	A string is hitched to a yo-yo.	Pretend your yoyo broke, and you have to hitch the string back on (model)
Returned	To go back to a place	The birds returned to Fox and Mole after they went to the moon.	After school, you will return home.	Who can tell us a time when you returned home after a vacation?
Slip	To slide and start to fall	Mole's claws slipped from the rope, and he fell.	When there is water on the floor, you can slip and fall.	Pretend there is water on the floor, and it makes you slip a little (teacher model)

BOOK That Pesky Rat!

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Pesky	causing trouble, annoying	"People call me that pesky rat."	Flies can be pesky when they follow you around and get in your face.	Everyone pretend there is a pesky fly in your face and swat it away.
Dull	boring	"There's never a dull moment."	If I watch the same movie over and over, it sometimes gets dull.	Everyone pretend this book is dull - yawn and pretend to be really bored.
Notice	something you write because you want people to know about it	"You could always hang a notice in the window."	If the floor is wet at school, a yellow notice sign is put up so people know.	Who has seen a yellow notice sign for a wet floor?
Demand	When a lot of people want something	"There isn't much demand for brown rats."	There's a high demand for LEGOS because lots of kids want them.	What other kinds of toys can you think of that are in high demand?

BOOK Chrysanthemum

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Whisper	To talk very quietly	She loved the way it sounded when she whispered it to herself.	The mommy whispered when her baby was sleeping.	Everyone whisper something to your neighbor.
Dreadful	Very disliked	She thought it was absolutely dreadful.	Going to bed early is dreadful.	Can you think of a food that is dreadful to you?
Fascinating	Something you like very much to think about	Your name is precious and priceless and fascinating.	The book the teacher read was fascinating.	Can you think of something you learned that is fascinating to you?
Speechless	Not being able to speak	The students were speechless.	When they heard her sing they were speechless.	Have you ever been speechless when something surprised you?

BOOK The Best Mariachi in the World

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Wondered	to think or imagine	"Gustavo wondered"	the boy wondered what was going to be for dinner.	Make a face like you are wondering something
Dawn	the time when the sun rises	"Got up one morning before dawn"	The girl had to wake up at dawn so she could be at school by 7 o'clock.	Have you ever been up at dawn before the sun?
Cacti	plants with spikes	"Saw the cacti" Look at the picture of the cacti	I accidentally touched some cacti and hurt my finger.	Pretend to touch cacti Ouch!
Handkerchief	A tissue or rag you don't throw away	"Women waved their handkerchiefs"	The boy kept a handkerchief in his pocket to wipe his eyes.	Pretend to wipe your eyes with a handkerchief

BOOK The Very Last Castle

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Expect	To think something will happen	In the middle of a town stood something you might not expect.	My friend did not show up for my party. I was sad because I expected her to be there.	I am going to drop this book. What do you expect to happen?
Breath	The air that comes out of your mouth	She was out of breath	When the girl was playing tag on the playground, she ran so fast she was out of breath.	Lets pretend we are going underwater and have to hold our breath
Invitation	A message asking someone to do something or go somewhere	An envelope arrived with an invitation inside.	I called my cousin to give him an invitation to our family dinner.	Turn to your neighbor and pretend to invite them to the park
Request	To ask for something	I have a request.	My brother requested I get apple juice from the store.	I want to bring you books you will like. What kind of books do you request?

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Sparkle

to shine brightly

When she smiled at night, the stars glittered and sparkled.

The princesses dress was so beautiful and it sparkled in the light.

Can you tell me a time where you saw the stars sparkle?

ruffle

to mess up something's hair

The hoopoe ruffled his crown of golden feathers.

When I put a sweater on over my head, it ruffles my hair.

Let's all ruffle our hair.

flutter

to move up and down quickly

the Italian artists came across the sea in ships with fluttering sails.

A butterfly flutters its wings when it flies.

Let's all flutter our hands like butterfly wings.

Imaginary

something that is make believe.

They painted the walls with imaginary beasts and wondrous dragons.

Tom and Susie had imaginary friends that they play with.

Do you have an imaginary friend?

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ACTIVITIES

Rescue

to save

By the time I rescue Norman, half his water is gone!

If you fall and hurt yourself, your mom and dad might come to rescue you.

When was a time that you were rescued?

Proper

the right way

" Pay attention!" snaps Maestro. "And try to play the proper notes."

When I was little I learned how to hold a pencil properly

What is something that you learned how to do properly?

Twitch

to shake a little bit

Norman doesn't move. Not even a fin twitches.

When I pet my dog on her belly, her leg twitches.

Let's all twitch our heads (teacher models)

Gunky

dirty

No one will want a sorry looking fish in a gunky bowl.

When your hands have dirt all over them, they are gunky.

When was a time that you had a toy that got really gunky?

WORDS

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ACTIVITIES

gentle

soft, kind, nice

Mrs. Raccoon talks to Chester in a gentle voice.

We must speak gently in the library.

Everybody give your neighbor a gentle pat on the back.

interested

to wonder, or want to know more

Chester looked interested.

On your birthday, you are interested in what presents your friends got you.

Everybody touch your chin and make a face like you are thinking hard.

nuzzle

to cuddle or snuggle with your nose

Mrs. Raccoon nuzzled Chester's ear.

You nuzzle your head under a warm blanket on a cold night.

Everybody nuzzle your nose on your neighbor's shoulder.

scamper

to run fast

Chester scampered to school.

Dogs scamper away when they are afraid of something.

Everybody make 2 legs with your fingers, and make them scamper down your leg.

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ACTIVITIES

bury

to put something in a hole in the ground

Owen buried his blanket in the garden.

Dogs bury bones and toys in the ground.

Everyone pretend like you have a fuzzy blanket and cuddle it.

dragged

to pull something along behind you

Owen dragged Fuzzy behind him.

I sometimes drag my feet when I walk.

Everyone drag your feet as you walk around the room.

snip

to cut with scissors

Owen's mother snipped the blanket with scissors.

You snip paper with scissors.

Everyone make pretend scissors with your fingers & snip your neighbor's hair.

handkerchief

a cotton tissue that you can use over and over

Owen's mother made many handkerchiefs out of the blanket.

Bring a handkerchief to show the children.

Everyone sneeze into a make believe handkerchief.

BOOK The Little Engine That Could

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
treats	sweet food	...and lollypops for after meals treats	After dinner, my mom gave me ice cream as a treat.	What is your favorite treat?
carry	to hold	The little train was carrying all these wonderful things to the good little boys and girls on the other side of the mountain	I am carrying this book right now.	Let's all pretend like we are carrying a very heavy bag.
wonderful	really cool	What were all those little boys and girls on the other side of the mountain going to do without the wonderful toys to play with and the good food to eat?	You are all wonderful!	What is something you think is wonderful?
kind	to be nice	"What is the matter, my friends?" she asked kindly.	x student was kind and held the door open for us today.	What was something kind you did for your friend?

BOOK Sam & Eva

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Collaborate	to work together	"Eva suggested a collaboration."	Collaboration is a great way to clean up the classroom. We work together.	Let's collaborate to make a circle holding hands.
Decline	to say that you don't want to do something	"Sam declined."	My sister declined from taking a nap today.	Can you think of a time that you declined nap time?
Disguise	something you wear to hide your face and body	"Marmot was actually a superhero in disguise"	For Halloween, I disguised myself as a pumpkin.	Did you disguise yourself on Halloween? What kind of disguise did you wear?
Lightning	a flash of light in the sky	"Velociraptor could shoot lightning out of his eyes."	When it is raining, sometimes lightning appears in the sky.	Let's all make lightning bolts with our hands and shoot down from the sky.

BOOK The Loudest Roar

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Fierce	Strong and powerful	He was the fiercest, most roaringest tiger in the world.	Football players look fierce when they are playing a game.	Everyone make your body and face look strong and powerful (teacher models)
Polite	Well-behaved, helpful to others	The parrots were chatting politely.	It's polite to open the door for other people.	Can you think of something else that is polite to do?
Complain	To talk about not liking something	The animals began to complain.	Sometimes I complain about having to eat vegetables.	What do you sometimes complain about?
Promise	To say you will do something	Clovis promised not to roar at the animals.	Your teachers promise to let you miss school on weekends.	Have you ever made a promise about something?

BOOK Muddypaws Goes to School

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Explore	to look or hunt for something	"they explored outside..."	Dora the explorer goes exploring with her friend Boots.	Let's explore the room and see if we can find some things that are orange.
Gasp	to breathe in fast	"What a mess!" gasped the teacher.	The girl gasped when she found out her parents bought her a pony for her birthday.	Let's all pretend like we are opening a present and we gasp in surprise.
Empty	nothing inside	But when he looked again, the wagon was empty.	When my tummy is empty, I feel hungry.	Let's all pretend like we are emptying out a bucket (teacher models).
Sob	to cry loudly	Back in class, Amy started to sob.	The boy sobbed when he lost his favorite toy.	Can you remember a time when you sobbed? Why were you so sad?

BOOK The Polar Express

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
rustle	to cause something to make a soft light sound	I lay quietly in my bed. I did not rustle the sheets.	I heard the leaves rustle before a bunny hopped out of the bushes.	Let's make rustling noises with our clothes.
barren	empty	We crossed a barren desert of ice, the Great Polar Ice Cap.	The trees were barren since it was winter. All the leaves had fallen.	What kinds of places might be barren?
prance	to walk in a spirited or excited way	The reindeer pranced and paced, ringing the silver sleigh bells.	The horse pranced in the parade.	Everybody prance like the reindeer.
lurch	to jump forward	The train gave a sudden lurch and started moving.	The car lurched forward when the driver pressed the gas.	Let's pretend we are on a train that lurches forward.

BOOK The Paper Bag Princess

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
expensive	costs a lot of money	She lived in a castle and had expensive princess clothes.	I couldn't get the toy because my mom said it was too expensive.	I'm going to name some things. Raise your hand if you think it is expensive.
fierce	very powerful or scary	Elizabeth asked the dragon if he was the smartest and fiercest dragon in the world.	She was scared of the fierce lion at the zoo.	Everybody make a fierce face.
magnificent	very good; excellent	"Magnificent", Elizabeth said after the dragon burned up 100 forests.	The teacher said my homework was magnificent. I didn't miss one problem.	What are some magnificent things?
tangled	all knotted up	Elizabeth was a mess. She smelled like ashes and her hair was all tangled.	My hair gets tangled if I don't brush it every day.	Let's all pretend to get the knots out of our tangled hair.

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ordinary

To be normal like the rest

Not just an ordinary fish, but the most beautiful fish in the entire ocean.

A black pen is very ordinary, but a pink sparkly pen is not.

What is something you have that is ordinary?

glide

To move smoothly

The Rainbow Fish would glide past, letting his scales shimmer.

Birds glide through the sky when they stop flapping their wings.

Everyone pretend to be a bird and glide through the air.

Shock/ shocked

To be surprised

Shocked, the little blue fish swan away.

I am shocked when my mom surprises me with a gift.

Can you tell us a time that you were shocked?

glare

To stare angrily

Then suddenly two eyes caught him in their glare.

I glare at someone when I'm mad.

Everyone pretend you are mad at someone and glare at them.

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ridiculous

funny and surprising

Mr. Tortoise called Shelly ridiculous.

It is ridiculous to say "I hate candy!" because everyone loves candy.

Can you think of a ridiculous place to go on vacation?

begin/ began

to start something

Mr. and Mrs. Tortoise began to snore.

At my birthday party, we began to cut the cake after I blew out the candles.

When you wake up in the morning, what do you begin to do?

shiver

shaking when you are cold

Shelly began to shiver in the snow.

If I go outside on a cold day without a jacket, I shiver.

Everyone pretend to be very cold and shiver.

tuck

to pull in or under

Shell tucked her head inside her shell.

When I go to bed, my mom sometimes tucks my bedsheets under me.

Everyone pretend you are a turtle and tuck your head into your shell.

BOOK The Ugly Duckling

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
pleased	To be very happy	She was pleased and proud about her first set of eggs she ever laid.	I was pleased to see my mom after a long day at school.	Make a face of how you look when you feel pleased
followed	To walk behind	As he and the five furry balls followed her to the water.	The boy followed the line leader when he walked to class.	Who is someone that you always follow?
peaceful	Calm, quiet	It was peaceful there, and the duckling wanted to stay forever.	I feel peaceful in my warm bed at night.	Name a place where you feel peaceful.
frightful	Scary	A frightful dog appeared beside him.	A frightful monster was in my dream.	What kind of face would you make if you saw something frightful?

BOOK Bogo the Fox Who Wanted Everything

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Curious	When you want to know new things	"He was a curious fox."	The boy was curious about how to play the new game in his classroom.	Tell a friend something you are curious about.
Invent	To make something new	"One day he decided to invent amazing things."	When you build with Lego's, you can invent new things.	Let's all invent a new word together.
Silently	To do something without making noise	"A pack of wolves arrived silently in the forest."	When the teacher is talking, you should be sitting silently.	Show me how you sit silently.
Hidden	Something that cannot be seen	"All the animals were all so well hidden that they found nothing."	The girl was hidden behind the desk when she played Hide and Seek.	Put your hands over your face and pretend to be hidden.

BOOK The Ugly Duckling

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
puzzled	Confused.	The duck was puzzled about that egg and how it came to be so different from the rest.	They were puzzled by a question they did not understand.	Think of a time when you have ever been puzzled.
steadily	Carefully.	She sat steadily on the nest for a whole night.	A full cup must be carried steadily.	
dawn	Early morning before the sun rises.	By dawn he had reached a grassy moor, full of soft marshy places.	We got to the beach at dawn to watch the sunrise.	Show me with your fingers what time you think dawn happens at.
floundered	Moving clumsily in water,	Luckily the duckling could not fly, and he floundered through the water till he could hide himself among some tall ferns.	He floundered in the shallow end of the ocean.	Without hitting your neighbors, show me what floundering would look like.

BOOK The Chupacabra ate the Candelabra

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
prepare	To get ready.	But we have nothing prepared!	I helped my mother prepare dinner.	Tell me how you prepare for school.
frightened	To be scared.	Bravest in the back, most frightened in the front.	My brother jumped out of my closet and frightened me.	Show me your frightened face!
suggestion	To say something that could be done.	Thank you for the suggestion.	My sister suggested we eat macaroni and cheese for dinner.	Does anyone have a suggestion for a book I can bring next week?
relief	A nice feeling after something goes well.	The goats sighed with relief.	The prince was filled with relief and smiled at the princess.	Let's take a deep breathe in, hold it for 5 seconds, and let out a long breathe. Don't you feel relieved?

BOOK The Way I Feel

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
disappointed	Very sad	I am disappointed we can't play	You may become disappointed if the teacher says no to playtime today.	Make your best sad face, and then say something nice to the person next to you to cheer them up.
soaring	Flying very high	The girls mood is soaring high.	When you go really high on the swing, you are soaring.	Close your eyes and imagine you are soaring high above the city and you can see even the tallest buildings.
frustrated	Sad because something is hard to do.	I am frustrated because I can't do it.	You might get frustrated if you do not know the answer to a question the teacher asks.	What would you say to your friend who is frustrated about schoolwork?
excited	Very happy.	The boy is excited about playing with the ball.	You can be excited about seeing your friends at school.	What are you most excited about doing today?

BOOK Stone Soup

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Curiosity	When you want to learn more.	"His eyes were big with curiosity."	You show curiosity when you ask questions in class.	Show your curiosity by asking me a question about the book.
Hurried	To go fast.	"...'maybe an onion would taste good,' said a farmer and he hurried off."	When I was late to school, I hurried to get dressed.	When is a time you hurried?
Feast	A lot of food.	"They had not been together for a feast like this in a long time."	During Thanksgiving, you normally have a feast.	Pretend you are eating a feast of your favorite foods.
Generous	To be very nice.	"You have been most generous."	When someone lets you play with their toys, they are being generous.	Who do you know that is generous?

BOOK The Little Engine That Could

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
treat	sweet food	and lollipops for after meals treats	After dinner, my mom gave me ice cream as a treat.	What is your favorite treat?
carry	to hold	The little train was carrying all these wonderful things to the good little boys and girls.	I am carrying this book right now.	What do you carry on your way to school?
wonderful	really great	What were all those little boys and girls on the other side of the mountain going to do without the wonderful toys?	Christmas is wonderful because we give and get presents.	What is something you think is wonderful?
kind/kindly	to be nice, or do something nicely	"What is the matter, my friends?" she asked kindly.	You are all listening kindly today.	Everyone pat your neighbor on the back kindly.

BOOK The Littlest Dinosaur

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
wonder	To think really hard	The littlest dinosaur wondered how big a dinosaur that big could be sad.	I wonder what gifts I will get for my birthday.	Everyone show me your thinking and wondering faces (Teacher models).
crack	To open just a little	One by one, the eggs began to crack.	I dropped mom's phone. Now it has a crack on the front.	Can you think of any other things that can be cracked?
shout	to yell or scream	He put his face very close to the egg and shouted.	I shout at my friends when we are playing tag at recess.	Where do you like to shout?
distance	how far away something is	Even at that distance, he looked sad.	Most kids can't walk home from school because it is a long distance.	Can you point to something in this room that's at a far distance? A short distance?

BOOK Time to Sleep

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Sniff/ Sniffed	To smell	Bear sniffed the air.	When something smells funny, you sniff it.	Everyone sniff like you are smelling a nice flower.
Mutter/ muttered	To say quietly	The turtle muttered to the skunk.	When you speak to your friend in the library, you mutter.	Everyone mutter something to the person next to you.
Seal	To close off	The snail sealed his shell.	You seal a plastic ziploc bag so nothing can fall out.	Everyone pretend like you are sealing a ziploc bag. What is inside your bag?
Perch	To sit on something	The ladybug perched on the branch.	I'm perched on a chair right now.	Everyone find something to perch on.

BOOK Peter's Chair

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Stretch/ stretched	To make bigger or longer	Peter had stretched his body by getting on his tippy toes.	I like to stretch rubber bands in my hands.	Everyone stand up and stretch your hands up to the sky.
Fuss	To pay too much attention to something	His mother was fussing around the cradle.	My mom sometimes fusses over me clothes and hair before I have my picture taken.	What does your mom sometimes fuss over?
Arrange	To put things in a nice, neat order	He arranged his things very nicely.	I arrange my legos in different boxes by color.	Everyone pretend like you are picking up and arranging your toys at home.
Rascal	Someone who plays tricks on people	"That rascal is hiding behind the curtain," she said happily.	My brother is such a rascal - he is always hiding my shoes around the house.	Have you ever played a trick on someone? Were you being a rascal?

BOOK Tiny Rabbit's Big Wish

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Enormous	Very big	"But no matter how enormous his big wish grew, he was still tiny"	The ocean is enormous.	Can someone think of something else that is enormous?
Slightly	Just a little bit	"But he grew only to the height of a slightly taller small rabbit."	Sometimes I color slightly outside the lines.	Let's all put our hands on the ground... now raise them slightly off the ground (teacher models)
Powerful	Really strong	"So tiny rabbit started wishing to grow as powerful as a gorilla"	The wind is so powerful, it can move trees!	Everyone flex your muscles and show me how powerful you are!
Mischievous	causing trouble	"a mischievous monkey was cheerfully chatting."	When Todd hit Cathy, he was being mischievous.	When was a time you were mischievous?

BOOK The Rainbow Fish

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
ordinary	To be like the rest	Not just an ordinary fish, but the most beautiful fish in the entire ocean.	A plain colored back pack is very ordinary.	What is something you own that is ordinary?
shimmer	To shine	The Rainbow Fish wouldust glide past, letting his scales shimmer.	When you put glitter on paper it shimmers.	What is something in the classroom that shimmers?
Shocked	To be surprised	Shocked, the little blue fish swam away.	I am shocked when my mom surprises me with a gift.	Let's all make a face like we are shocked.
glare	a bright, blinding light	Then suddenly two eyes caught him in their glare.	When my mom turns my lights on in the morning, their glare hurts my eyes.	What is something else that creates a glare?

BOOK Tito Puente Mambo King

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Lessons	When someone teaches you something	"Get that boy some music lessons!"	I took guitar lessons from my friend's dad.	Raise your hand if you have ever taken dance lessons
Future	Something that hasn't happened yet	Every year his church held a Stars of the Future contest.	In the future, when I am older, I want to be a chef.	Have the children imagine what they want to be in the future.
Award	A prize that you win in a contest	Tito won a very special award called a "grammy"	I got an award for winning a singing contest.	What awards have you won? How did that make you feel?
Banged	To hit something and make a loud noise	"He banged spoons and forks on pots and pans, windowsills and cans."	The boy banged on the drums in his music class.	Pretend you are banging on drums

BOOK June 29,1999

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Launch	To push or throw something in the air	Holly Evans launches vegetable seedlings into the sky.	I launched the basketball into the hoop.	Pretend you are launching a ball into the air
Speechless	When you don't know what to say; usually when you are surprised	Her classmates are speechless.	The flowers were so pretty, I was speechless.	Show me the face you make when you are speechless
Puzzled	To be really confused	Holly is puzzled.	I feel puzzled when I do not know how to spell a word.	Show me the face you make when you are puzzled
Curious	To want to know more about something	More curious than disappointed, Holly asks herself, "What happened to my vegetables?"	I am curious about how the stars got in the sky.	What are you curious about?

BOOK Wake Up, Little One!

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Frisky	Playful, full of energy	Frisky lambs play in the poppy field.	My cat gets frisky when I wave his cat toy in the air.	Everyone pretend like you are a frisky kitten.
Scamper	Run or walk quickly and quietly	Small piglets scamper and skip in the sun.	A puppy scampers away when he hears a scary sound.	Everyone pretend like you are a scared puppy, and scamper away.
to weave	To twist and turn from side to side	The wild swallow weaves and swoops to her nest.	The soccer player weaved his way past each player and scored a goal!	Everyone weave your hand from side to side (teacher models)
patch	a small piece or part of something	Donkey nods off in the last patch of sun.	We have a patch of sunflowers in front of our house.	Everyone grab a patch of your shirt in your hand.

BOOK Muddypaws

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
creep/ crept	To move slowly and quietly.	The little puppy crept over.	Sometimes at night, I creep out of my room so no one can hear me.	Everyone pretend to creep so no one can hear you.
knock	To push or hit	The puppy knocked the flowerpot over.	We knock on doors so somebody will hear us and let us in.	Everyone pretend like you are knocking on a door.
find/ found	To get something you lost	The time he found lots of things, like a lost ring.	I found a penny on the ground while I was walking.	Have you ever found something that you lost?
indoors	Inside a house or building	He didn't mean to bring all that mud indoors.	When it's raining outside, we have to go indoors so we don't get wet.	Can you remember a time you had to go indoors because of the rain?

BOOK Where the Wild Things Are

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
mischief	naughty behavior	Max wore his wolf suit and made mischief of one kind and another.	The students get into mischief when the teacher leaves the classroom.	What kind of mischief could the students get up to?
gnash	to grind teeth together, usually when angry	The wild things roared their terrible roars and gnashed their terrible teeth.	I gnash my teeth when somebody says something that makes me angry.	Let's gnash our teeth like the wild things.
tame	to make calm	Max said "Be Still!" and tamed them with a magic trick.	I tame the puppy by petting him and talking to him softly.	Let's think of tame animals and wild animals.
rumpus	a noisy commotion	"And now," cried Max, "let the wild rumpus start!"	When the kid's friends come over, they have a wild rumpus in the bedroom.	What sort of things do you do in a wild rumpus?

BOOK The Kissing Hand

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
nuzzle	to touch or rub with the nose, snout, or muzzle	Mrs. Raccoon took Chester by the hand and nuzzled him.	My kitten nuzzles my hand when she wants me to pet her.	Everybody nuzzle your hand with your nose.
rush	to move very quickly	Chester felt his mother's kiss rush from his hand, up his arm, and into his heart.	The child rushed to catch the bus in the morning.	What are some things you might rush to?
familiar	something you know well	Chester unfolded his mother's large, familiar fingers into a fan.	My mother's voice is familiar to me.	What are some things that are familiar to you?
scamper	to run playfully about	Mrs. Raccoon watched Chester scamper across a tree limb and enter school.	The children scamper onto the playground at recess.	Let's all scamper like Chester.

BOOK Wild About Books

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
stampede	running in a group	"Every beast in the zoo was stampeding."	In the picture, all the animals are running together to learn about books.	Would you want to be in the middle of animals stampeding? It might be dangerous.
devour	to eat quickly	"Giant termites devoured The Wizard of Oz."	Sometimes I devour my lunch because I'm so hungry.	Show me what it looks like when you devour your lunch.
scribble	to write something	"Bugs were scribbling haiku."	Look at the scribbling on this page!	Let's pretend to scribble with a marker.
enormous	very big	"Imagine hippo's enormous surprise."	The hippo has an enormous smile and hippos are enormous too.	Can you think of something else that is enormous?

BOOK Thesaurus Rex

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
mend	to fix or to sew	"His pants need mending."	Look at the Rex's pants. They ripped when he bent over! They need to be mended.	Let's pretend to fix/sew Rex's pants.
explore	to look around	"Thesaurus Rex goes exploring, hunting, and searching."	I like to explore new places too. Rex uses a telescope to explore (look around).	Let's explore our classroom. Use a telescope if you want to.
nibble	to take small bites.	"Munch, crunch, nibble, gnaw"	Little mice like to nibble on cheese like this (demonstrate).	Let's all nibble on something yummy!
leap	to jump	"Thesaurus Rex leaps into the bed."	Rex must be so happy. He is jumping, bouncing, and leaping.	Everyone leap!

BOOK Yoko Learns to Read(word:left)

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
notice	to see and know something	Yoko noticed that Valerie had four leaves, & Angelo had 6.	If you don't come to school, your teacher will notice.	What do you notice about my clothing?
Yoko Learns to Read(word:left)	to stay behind after people go away	Olivia and Sylvia said Yoko would be left behind.	We left our dog at home and went to the store.	What is left at home while you are at school?
Telling	to say something to someone	"Telling isn't reading!" Olive and Sylvia whispered.	I love telling the story of the day I brought home my cat.	What stories do you like to tell?
Awarded	to give a gift for a good job	Yoko's teacher awarded her with her sixth book leaf	I was awarded a trophy for winning the race.	Everybody waive a pretend trophy award in the air.

BOOK Over the Steamy Swamp

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Famished	Very hungry	The frog was famished and wanted to eat the fly.	I missed lunch, so I was famished.	Everyone rub your belly like you are very hungry.
Stealthy	Sneaky, secret	The snake was slithering stealthily.	The cat is stealthy when it chases after a mouse.	Everyone tip toe around the room quietly.
Pounce	To jump onto something	"The great big, lion was too busy preparing to pounce"	The cat pounces on a string/ cat toy.	Everyone pounce around like a cat.
Startled	Shocked, scared	The snake was startled by the lion yelling "YEOW!"	My mom was startled when she heard me scream.	Everyone make a startled face like the snake's.