

BOOK A Bad Case Of Stripes

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Giant	Really big; huge.	"She looked in the mirror, and there, staring back at her was a giant, multicolored pill with her face on it."	The elephant at the zoo was giant.	Can you think of something that is giant?
Weird	Odd	"Some of the kids at school said she was weird, but she didn't care a bit."	People called Camilla weird for loving lima beans but she didn't care.	Can you make a weird face?
Awful	Really bad.	"Camilla took her medicine. It was awful."	Camilla felt awful when she woke up and saw stripes on her skin.	What is something you find awful?
Extraordinary	Very great!	"Dr. Bumble came to examine Camilla. "Most extraordinary!" he exclaimed."	Camilla's stripes were extraordinary.	Can you name something extraordinary?

BOOK Delilah D. At The Library

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Shouts	To scream or yell.	"Now that." Says Library Anne is why we don't shout in the library."	Delilah was told not to shout in the library.	Give me your best shout.
Library	A piece of land in the middle of water.	"But everyone on the island of music in the city of drum-beats believed that only boys can play drums."	A library has thousands of books.	Do you go to the library?
Squashes	To crush or squeeze something.	". . . This one has a squashed baked bean on page 5."	The banana was squashed on the floor.	Have you ever squashed something?
Properly	Correctly. The right way.	". . . I will help you find the book properly."	At the library, you have to properly look for a book.	Can you sit properly in criss-cross apple sauce?

BOOK A very Special Snowflake

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Grin	To smile big.	"Jeff patted the puppy's head and grinned happily."	You may smile big when you get a toy.	Can everyone show me their biggest grin?
Dash	To run, move fast.	"They bundled up in their snowsuits and dashed out the door."	Jonathan and Julie dashed outside to get to the playground.	Move your arms quickly back and forth like you are running.
Glance	Look at something quickly or slowly.	"Veronica glanced out the window."	Veronica glanced out the window and watched the snowfall.	Glance at the person next to you and wave.
Trudge	Walk slowly and with heavy steps.	"The mail carrier came trudging down the street."	Jamie started trudging down the stairs to wash the dishes.	Do you prefer trudging or walking?

BOOK A Grand Old Tree

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Gently	To do something softly.	"Finally she fell, and snow gently covered her."	Ivy gently held her baby sister.	Pretend to hold a puppy gently.
Sway	Move slowly forward or from side to side.	"She basked in the sun, bathed in the rain, swayed in the breeze and danced in the wind."	Cameron swayed to music.	Everyone lets sway from side to side.
Snap	When something breaks and it makes a cracking sound.	"Her branches no longer swayed and danced, but cracked and snapped in the wind."	My guitar strings snapped when I was playing it so I had to fix it.	Pretend you have snapped a twig in half. How would you do it?
Sink	To go to the bottom.	"Her roots sank deep into the earth."	The boat sank to the bottom of the ocean.	Can you name one thing that could sink in the ocean?

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Rise	To rise up.	"One day, one day, the sun rose blood red over the hill."	I rose out of bed in the morning to get ready for the day.	Let's rise up from our seats.
Foolish	Silly.	"A foolish grin spread over his face. And the giant started to dance."	I was foolish to not bring an umbrella with me because it started to rain.	Make a foolish face.
Possessions	The things that belong to someone.	"Men yelled, "Grab your most precious possessions and run! Run!"	I took my possessions and moved to another desk in the classroom.	Can you tell me a possession of yours?
Ostracize	When someone is left out of a group or banned.	"They boy and the father were ostracized. That means, they made 'em live on the edge of town."	Jenna felt ostracized and left out by her friends because they would not play with her.	Have you ever felt ostracized or left out?

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Imitate	To copy.	"Until Mr. Isobe announced that Chibi was going to imitate the voices of crows."	Sarah likes to imitate "Dora the explorer" because she think she sounds just like her.	Imitate the sound a dog makes.
Trudge	To walk with slow, heavy steps.	"But slowpoke or not, day after day Chibi came trudging to school."	I began trudging down the stairs to go wash the dishes.	Everyone let's trudge across the room.
Forlorn	Sad and lonley.	"He was always at the end of the line, always at the foot of the class, a forlorn little tag-along."	I waved a forlorn goodbye to my cousin as I got in the car to go back home.	Pretend your are forlorn and make a sad face.
Honor	To be celebrated.	"Chibi was the only one in our class honored for perfect attendance through all six years."	Tony was honored at his graduation ceremony for being good at math.	Have you ever been honored for something?

BOOK Ada Twist, Scientist**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****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

adventure

Ada went on a fact finding spree.

I like to go on a shopping spree sometimes and buy things 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 stench when I get home from school.

Whats 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

Can you scribble down your name?/Get a piece of paper and scribble your name.

BOOK Albert Keeps Score**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Drift**

To move slowly in wind or water.

A minute later a wonderful smell drifted in.

The boat drifted down the river.

Have you ever drifted down a river in a boat?

Leap

To jump or extend high in the air.

"Let's walk the plank! I'll go first!," Wanda cried, leaping high in the air.

The frog leaped from each lily pad in the pond.

Can you show me how a frog leaps?

Splinter

A very thin piece of wood.

You were very brave when I took out your splinter.

Jessie got a splinter when she was playing on the wooden playground.

Have you ever had a splinter in your foot or finger?

Fancy

Something extremely liked or valued.

They all wore their fanciest outfits and had a wonderful time

The princesses wore their fanciest dresses to the ball.

Can you name the fanciest thing you own?

BOOK Alexander, Who's Not (Do you hear me? I mean it!) Going to Move

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Fool	A silly person.	"Nick says I'm a fool and should get a brain transplant."	I was such a fool when I went in the rain without an umbrella.	Make a silly face like a fool would do.
Lonesome	Lonely or by yourself.	"Nick says if I'm lonesome in my new room all by myself, he might let me sleep with him for a little while."	Jessica felt lonesome at her new school. She missed her friends.	What do you do when you are feeling lonesome?
Underneath	Below something.	"Like underneath the piano in Eddie's basement."	I hid underneath the bed when I was playing hide-and-seek with my brothers.	Stand underneath the flag and say the pledge of allegiance.
Taught	When someone showed you how to do something.	"I said good-bye to Rachel, who taught me to stand on my head and whistle with two fingers, but she says don't try to do both at the same time."	My brother taught me how to ride a bike.	Have you ever taught someone to do something?

BOOK Dear Mr. Blueberry

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Afraid	To be scared of something.	"I'm afraid there can't be a whale in your pond because whales don't get lost, they always know where they are in oceans."	My cousin is afraid of dogs.	Show me the face you make when you're afraid.
Lost	When you don't know where you are.	". . .whales don't get lose, they always know where they are in oceans."	I got lost in the mall one time.	Have you ever been lost?
Guess	A thought or idea about something that you are not sure is right.	"I went to the beach and you'll never guess, but I saw Arthur."	In class we had to guess how many marbles was in the jar.	Can you guess what 1+1 is?
Studying	Looking at something closely to learn about it.	"Perhaps when you are older you would like to sail the oceans studying and protecting whales."	Trevor liked studying ocean animals.	Look around the classroom like you're studying it.

BOOK Around Our Way On Neighbor's Day

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Rhythms

Repeated movement or sound.

"Thumping rhythms, one more chance to have my daddy's robot moves embarrass me some more."

Riley danced to the rhythms of the music.

Everyone clap to this rhythm. (Show them a rhythm to clap to).

Stroll

Slowly walking.

"Strolling past the red oak tree."

Jamie loved strolling to class.

Let's all try strolling.

Blare

A very loud sound.

"No one stares, or cares. That loud music blares."

Victoria and Jordan dance as the music blares.

Everyone make a blaring sound.

Mural

A painting or artwork that is painted on a wall.

"Wave to Raven working on her mural way up high."

I love the colorful murals around my school.

If you could make a mural what is one thing that you would put on it?

BOOK Ruby's Baby Brother

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Noise

Loud annoying sounds.

"Babies are smelly; they make too much noise."

The kids were making too much noise so they had to quiet down.

Everyone what noise does a cow make?

Nearby

When something is close.

"The I'll open the window, and out he will fly, and sleep upside down in the oak tree nearby."

My school is nearby by home.

Say "hello" to the person nearby.

Dare

Being brave or strong enough to do something.

"It's strange, and it's scary. I dare not to go near."

Have you ever played truth or dare?

I dare you guys to clap your hands.

Strange

Some that is weird or unusual.

"It's strange, and it's scary."

The garbage smelled strange so I had to take it out.

Make a strange face.

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Crowd	When something has too many people or things	"It's too crowded"	The cafeteria was too crowded with people so I could not get my lunch.	Let's all crowd together in one space.
Tidy	To clean something	"Well, good night, my darling," said Dad as he tidied his tools."	The kids tidied the class before going to recess.	Can you act like you are tidying the blocks?
Sniff	To smell something	"Audrey sniffed." "I think I've caught a cold," she said."	The girl sniffed the flower she found on the floor.	Let's act like we are sniffing a flower.
Tremble	To shake without control	"Audrey's knees trembled."	The baby was trembling from the cold weather.	Let's tremble like we are cold.

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Spill	To fall over the edge of a container.	"Not a drop spilled."	James spilled all his icecream on the floor.	Can you think of a time when you spilled something? What was it?
Tightly	Very closely packed.	"Anna filled her can and held it tightly."	Natalie tightly packed her lunchbox.	Let's all come and fit tightly in the circle.
Afraid	To be scared.	"Anna was afraid of the cows."	The boy was afraid of the dark after watching the scary movie.	Show me the face you make when you are afraid!
Believe	To think something is true.	"They couldn't believe what they were seeing."		Do you believe math is harder than reading? Or do you believe reading is

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Stare	To look at something for a long time.	"Spilled my juice so everyone stared at me instead?"	The children all stared at the teacher while she read her story.	Everyone open your eyes really wide and stare at a friend.
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Tricky	Hard to do.	"Teaching someone something I'm good at is tricky."	Tying my shoelaces is tricky!	What else can be tricky to do?
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Patient	To be calm and wait for something to happen.	"Even when I'm patient."	It's important to be patient and wait your turn.	Everyone take a deep breath and say, "I will wait my turn!"
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Beautiful	Something or someone that looks really good.	"So I painted purple splotches and added some green until I had a bunch of	The sunset was beautiful to watch.	What is something that is beautiful to you?
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Learn	To know more.	Wanda asked Albert if snails can learn tricks.	The teacher teaches you all kinds of things. You learn from what the teacher teaches you.	What is something fun that you learn at school?
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Train	To Teach.	Albert is trying to teach his pet snail tricks.	People like to train their dogs to know tricks.	Tell us about a time you trained a pet for tricks or a time you have seen it.
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Near	Very Close.	Albert was teaching his pet snail to come near him.	Your mom will ask you to come near so you can hear what she is trying to say.	Lets find objects near us and compare them to far objects.
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Hollow	Empty on the inside.	Albert went through a hollow log to teach his pet snail how do that as a trick.	A straw is hallow if you look at it from the side. Thats how you can slurp a tasty drink through it.	Can you find something in the classroom that is hollow?
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BOOK Bearsie Bear and the Surprise Sleepover Party

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suddenly

quickly, at once

suddenly, there was a knock at the door

After being sunny all day, the weather suddenly changed

What is something that happens suddenly?

tap

knocking

Suddenly, there was a tapping at the door

I was tapping on the window to tell my brother to unlock the door

Tap on the floor with your finger

scratch

marking, scraping

Suddenly, there was a scratching at the door

My cat was scratching the couch cushion

Do you have a pet or little brother/sister that scratches something at home?

grumble

growl, roar

Just then the wind rumbled and grumbled

The storm grumbled outside of our house

What do you think grumbling sounds like?

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screeches

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?

blast

To strongly blow by

“Just then the wind blasted and blustered.”

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

What else might blast off?

peer

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 be silent and don't make any noise!

BOOK Bearst Friends Forever**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****mutter**

to speak angrily in a low voice.

Clarence heard his parents muttering

My mom mutters when she's mad.

Sometimes the bad guys in movies mutter. Who's your favorite movie bad guy/can you show me what they sound like?

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

Give your best shrug.

fetch

to go for 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?

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?

BOOK Bogo The Fox Who Wanted Everything**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****curious**

wanting to know new things

He was a very curious fox

When you start school, you are curious about what games are in your new 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 legos or blocks, you can invent new things

Lets all invent a new world together

silently

quiet; without making any noise

A pack of wolves arrived silently in the forest

When the teacher is talking, all of the kids should be sitting silently.

Pretend to be sleeping silently.

hidden

cannot be seen

All of the animals were all so well hidden that they found nothing

You are hidden when you play Hide and Seek.

Put your hands over your face and pretend to be hidden

BOOK Berry Magic

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Tundra

A flat, very cold space with no trees.

". . . before the cranberries and blueberries there were only little black crowberries on the tundra."

Polar bears live in the tundra.

What other places do you know and like? The jungle maybe.

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 on my plate.

What scraps would I be able to find your room?

Vast

A large amount of, a long distance.

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

A vast amount of kids like candy.

What is something you would call vast?

Sprang

To jump forward quickly.

"She jumped over the crowberries, sprang over the cranberries, and bounced over the blueberries."

I sprang with each movement to keep up with my dog.

What is something that made you so excited, that you sprang forward to get it.

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!

What would it look like for a mother bird to protect her babies?

Silent

To be very quiet.

"When an okapi senses danger, it silently sneaks out of sight."

When we take a nap or go to bed at night, we are silent.

What other times do we have to be silent?

Admire

To like something.

"But this book isn't about animals we admire."

I admire how cheetahs run so fast.

What are some animals that you admire?

Huge

To be very big.

"How can these puny peewes survive in a world full of predators with huge teeth and razor sharp claws."

See the elephant, they are huge!

What animals do you know that are huge?

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Undo

Take apart

Worried

Nervous

Retrieve

Get or bring

"You can teach him to retrieve your bones."

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Frustration

When you are annoyed.

"Back at home, Little Chick squawked in frustration."

I sighed in frustration when I couldn't get the door open.

What is the face you make when you feel frustration?

Pace

When you walk back and forth.

"Little chick paced back and forth, scritch and scratching in the dirt."

We paced up and down the stairs as an exercise.

Everyone let's pace across the room and back.

Entrance

A way that you get into a place. Like a door or a gate.

"But first he had to face the bullies who guarded the entrance."

The entrance of the school has double doors.

Point to the entrance of the classroom.

Investigate

To try to learn or find out the truth about something.

"Little Chick couldn't wait to investigate."

The detective had to investigate to solve the case.

Looking around the room like you are investigating it.

BOOK Boomer's Big Surprise

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Gently	To do something softly or carefully.	"A small bundle was placed gently on the floor."	Denise gently held her sister's hand as they crossed the street.	Pretend that you are holding a puppy. Gently put him onto the floor.
Scatter	When stuff is untidy and all over.	"Newspapers were scattered all over the floor."	Jill's toys were scattered all over the floor so she picked them all up.	What do you do when things are scattered all over your room?
Scamper	When you quickly run.	"Baby jumped up and scampered about the kitchen."	I scampered to the car in the rain.	Let's scamper across the room.
Finish	To be done with something.	"After Baby finished eating, everyone went to the living room and sat on the sofa -- even baby."	Claire finished her homework very quickly.	What do you do after you are finished with dinner at home?

BOOK A Tall Tale About A Giant Woman With A Great Big Heart Doña Flor

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Peered	To peep at something that is hard to see. Squint.	"As the sun rose, Flor's neighbors, shaking at the commotion, peered out their windows."	Johnny peered through the fog because he could not see.	Everyone pretend that you're peering at something outside.
Plunk	To put something down quickly or heavily.	"That evening, Flor plucked a star the way she always did and plunked it on the tallest tree so her friends in the Pueblo could find their way home."	I plunked my bookbag onto my room floor because it was very heavy.	Give them something to plunk onto the ground. (Penil, marker, etc.)
Bother	When someone or something is annoying another person.	"Flor stomped off to find the puma that was bothering her amigos."	My little brother was bothering me so I told my mom.	What do you do when someone is bothering you?
Stomp	To walk with very heavy steps usually to show that you are upset.	"Flor Stomped off to find the puma that was bothering her amigos."	Alex stomped upstairs to his room.	Let's stomp across the room.

BOOK Boris and Bella

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Tromped

To stomp or walk heavily.

"She pushed Boris aside and tromped into the party, tracking mud everywhere."

Katy tromped onto the playground to get on the swing.

Everyone show me how you tromp.

Cluttered

A bunch of things spread about in a messy manner.

"I'm sick of your cluttered yard."

Joe's room was very cluttered.

What do you do when your room is cluttered?

Shindig

A big party.

"Who needs Bells'as stupid shindig? he thought."

Sarah had a shindig to celebrate her birthday.

Have you ever been to a shindig?

Persnickety

Careful, picky.

"No one could stand Boris's persnickety ways."

People who don't like lots of different foods are persnickety.

Who knows someone who doesn't like to eat many kinds of food?

BOOK Nugget And Fang

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Perfect

The best something can get.

"Life was close to perfect. . ."

Diana was positive that her answer was right on the test.

Tell me a time you were positive about something.

Shocked

Very suprised.

"Nuggest was shocked."

Fatima was shocked when she arrived at her surprise party.

Tell me a time that you were shocked.

Approach

A different way to do something.

"On Wednesday, Fang tried a different approach."

Victoria tried a different approach to win the game.

Can you name a time that you had to use a different approach to do something?

Impossible

Not able to occur, exist, or be done.

"A big, bad shark? Ha!" said Nugget. "Impossible."

It is impossible to touch the sun.

Can you name something impossible?

BOOK Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Impatient

Not willing to wait

"The cows were growing impatient with the farmer."

When you're waiting your turn to play with a toy you might get impatient.

Can you think of a time when you got tired of waiting for something?

Furious

Very mad

"Farmer Brown was furious"

If you hit your friend your friend might become furious with you.

Can you make a mad face and pretend that you're furious?

Gather

To come together

"All the animals gathered around to barn to snoop, "

When it is time for me to read to you, you guys all gather around me to listen.

What are some things you have gathered recently?

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 do you want it to be boring or not boring?

BOOK Cinderella

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

kind

very nice.

Cinderella was kind and caring.

When someone shares they are being kind.

Say something kind to your friends

chores

small jobs to do at home

Cinderella had to go chores like cleaning and sweeping.

When I was younger, my parents asked me to do a chore

What are some chores your family does?

Hurry

To go quickly

Cinderella hurried away from the ball

When you go outside you hurry to the playground.

Where else do you hurry to?

Overjoyed

Very Happy

Cinderella and the prince were Overjoyed that they found each other

When you get to play with your favorite toy, you are overjoyed.

Make a face that shows you are overjoyed.

BOOK Cock-a-doodle-doo! Barnyard Hullabaloo

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Rude	Mean.	"Sometimes I moo while I'm chewing I hope you don't think that it's rude, but mooing and chewing are what I like doing."	It is not nice to be rude. You should be kind to others.	What do you do when someone is rude?
Spot	To see from far away.	"To spot everywhere passing plump mouse."	Jamie and Alyssa went outside to see who can spot the most butterflies.	Can you spot something red in the room? Point to it!
Wandering	Walk or move slowly.	"And make so much noise when we talk that wandering goslings rush out of our way as we babble and cackle and squawk."	Ariana was wandering around the hallway because she couldn't find her class.	Let's all wander.
Shade	An area that is away from the sun.	"Hello, I'm the big banyard kitty I sleep in the shade of the house."	Daniel's mom sat in the shade to watch his soccer game.	Do you like being in the sun more or do you like the shade?

BOOK Crown: An Ode To The Fresh Cut

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Guide	To show the way to do something. Lead.	". . . waiting to guide and protect him as soon as he steps foot out the door."	The tour guide guides us around the city.	We are going to guide everyone to the other side of the room and back.
Crafted	When something is made by someone.	"There's a dude standing in the mirror that can't get over the masterful designs crafted on the side of his dome."	My grandma crafted a photo frame for me to put our picture in.	Can you name something that you have crafted in school?
Approval	When you think that something is good.	". . . It'll sting, but not like a scorpion or hornet, more like an electric stamp of approval."	The class nodded in approval when the teacher was talking.	Let's nod our heads in approval.
Applause	When you clap because you like something.	"Every person in the shop will rise to their feet and give you a round of applause for being so fly."	The audience gave the dancer a round of applause after the show.	Everyone give yourselves around of applause.

BOOK Corduroy**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Searching**

To look for something

Corduroy went searching for his lost button.

When lose your favorite toy, you search for it to find it.

Pick an item in the room and have the children search for that item. "Everyone search for something that is red"

Yanked

Very strong pull

Corduroy yanked the button off the mattress.

When reaching for something taller than you, you may pull or yank at it to pull it down.

Have the kids yank at the air as if they are pulling on an imaginary rope.

Dashing

To move quickly

The watchman dashed down the escalator when he heard the noise.

When you race with your friends, you dash around the playground.

Have the kids run in place like they are dashing. "Move your arms as if you are dashing"

Enormous

Something that is really big

The girl's small room was not as big as the enormous palace in the store.

For example, the size of this school and other buildings are really big, or you could call them enormous.

Have the kids open their arms as if they are holding something enormous

BOOK From Head to Toe**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Raise**

To lift or move something up

The buffalo lifts or raises his shoulders

When you have a question, you raise your hand

"Everyone raise their shoulders"

Thump

To hit something

The gorilla hits or thumps his chest

If you hit the table with your hand, you just thumped the table

"Everyone thump your chest"

Arch

To create a curved shape

The cat arched her back

When stretching, you arch you back

"Everyone arch like the cat"

Stomp

To step hard or angrily

The elephant stomped her feet

When you are mad, you may stomp you feet when you're walking

"Everyone stomp your feet like the elephant"

BOOK David's Drawings

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Grin	When you smile really big.	"She grinned and a drew a girl."	Jamie grinned as her mom took her picture.	Every show me your best grin.
Shyly	To do something nervously. When you're not sure about doing something.	"Some grass, too," she said." David handed her a green crayon. "Here you can make some," he said shyly.	Alexander shyly waved at the new girl Hannah.	What is something that you have done shyly?
Fresh	Something new.	"He found a pencil and a fresh piece of paper.	Jake loved the fresh pair of shoes his mom bought him.	Take this fresh piece of paper. (Give them a new piece of paper).
Neatly	In a neat and tidy way.	Then he wrote "My Drawing" neatly on the bottom and hung the picture right above his head."	Violet neatly put her toys away.	Do you neatly put your things away at home?

BOOK Just Like Josh Gibson

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Point	Using your finger to show someone something.	"The umpire pointed at Josh and said, "You're out yesterday in Pittsburgh!"	Julie pointed at the toy she wanted for her birthday.	Everyone point at the dry erase board.
Imagine	To think about something in your head.	"Danny would imagine he was playing with the dodgers."	Sarah couldn't imagine not playing the guitar. It is her favorite instrument.	Close your eyes and imagine you are at home in your bed.
Practice	Doing something over and over to get good at it.	"But every now and agin, when the team was just practicing, they'd let Grandmama play too.	Wendy liked practicing her dance routine after school.	What is something that you like to practice?
Sliding	Moving fast and smooth.	"Danny hurt his arm sliding into the second, and there were only eight All-Stars."	Nina love sliding down the slide at the playground.	Let's try sliding an object across the table. (Demonstrate)

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Shiver	When your body shakes because of being cold/scared	Getting the shivers as the dinosaurs get closer to doing the dinosaur rump	When you go outside with out and jacket and you are cold, your body shivers	Everyone pretend they are really cold
Blunder	Moving without looking around and using our senses	when the triceratops is running	When we get so excited about seeing someone, we run towards them w/o thinking	Have the kids stand up and stomp lethargically
Perch	Sitting on something and looking over it	When the Deinonychus is perched on her big tail.	When you see a bird in a tree, it is perched over the branch to avoid falling off	Ask "Have you ever seen a bird perched on the branch?"
Drift	To move very slowly by another object moving you (wind, water)	When the rompers drift together and tumble into asleep	When you see a leaf floating on the water and it moves with the water	Ask, "Have you ever seen a plastic bag fly around in the wind?"

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Idea	A thought.	"Their games and jokes were always his idea."	I had an idea to surprise my brother for his birthday.	Name an idea you had today.
Caught	When you have captured something. To catch something.	"Elmer caught hold of the bush and shook it until the berries fell on the ground."	Tory was mad that she got caught when playing freeze tag.	Let's pretend that you have caught a ball. How would you catch it?
Serious	Not smiling or laughing.	"The other elephants were standing absolutely still, silent, and serious."	When the teacher is angry, she gets very serious.	Make a serious face.
Finished	To be done with something.	"When he had finished, there wasn't a sign of any yellow, or orange, or red, or pink, or purple, or blue, or..."	Gabe was happy that he finished his homework super fast!	What do you do when you are finished playing on the playground?

BOOK Don't Be Shy

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Greet	To say hello. Usually with a wave or spoken word.	"When Great-Aunt Snuffle-upagus to vist, Snuffie was too shy to greet her."	Anna made sure to greet everyone when she walked into the house.	Let's all greet each other by waving.
Timid	Easily scared.	"When he went to Hooper's Store, Snuffie was too timid to ask David for what he wanted to buy."	Casey was too timid to ask the teacher for help on the homework.	What makes you timid?
Lumbered	Move in a slow or heavy way. To waddle.	"He lumbered over and pulled her out onto the stage."	Jessie lumbered up the stairs to her room.	Let's all lumber across the room.
Performance	A show. Like a concert or play.	"On the day of The Sesame Street Weather Play, everyone was getting ready for the performance."	I loved watching the performance of the musical Frozen with my niece.	Have you ever been to a performance?

BOOK Just Ask!

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Fragile	Something that is easy to break.	"Some trees and flowers are more fragile, and others are more hardy."	The glass cups were fragile so I had to be careful when I carried them.	Can you name something that is fragile?
Regularly	Something that happens all the time. Usually or typically.	"Some have to be trimmed reguarly, while others are better off left alone."	Kiley's mom regularly does her hair for school in the morning.	What is something that you do regularly?
Organize	Putting things in order or in the place that they are supposed go.	"Organizing and counting all my toy dinosaurs again and again makes me feel calm."	Greg liked organizing his legos by color.	Do you like organizing your room or do you like it a little messy?
Purpose	A reason for something.	"Each has a different smell, different color, different shape, and different purpose."	The purpose of going to the fair was to get on all of the fun rides.	What do you think is your purpose for coming to school?

BOOK Early Sunday Morning

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Rehearsal

Practice usually for a show.

June had to go to rehearsal for her singing solo.

I had to go to the rehearsal for my part in the play.

What is something you can do at a show rehearsal?

Imagine

To think about something happening.

Mr. Harvey told June to imagine the audience had "big watermelon heads" so she wouldn't be nervous when she sings.

When I am at school I sometimes imagine I am at home in my warm bed.

Imagine everyone in the room had huge watermelon heads!

Alongside

Close on the side of or next to something or someone.

June loved to sing alongside her dad.

Gina rode her bike alongside her sister.

Shake hands with the person alongside you.

Fidgety

When you move around a lot because you are nervous or just can't sit still.

June was fidgety when her mom was doing her hair.

Daisy was fidgety in the chair at the dentist.

Pretend to be fidgety and move around.

BOOK Violet's Music

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Hope

Wanting something to happen.

". . . she banged her rattle against the crib, hoping others in the nursery would join in."

Violet was hoping that the other kids would play music with her.

What is something you are hoping for?

Wail

A loud cry.

". . . Aunt Bertha brought gifts and a box full of paper, crayons, glitter, and glue to make horns that would wail."

Jason started to wail when he fell off his bike.

Everyone wail!

Buried

Placed or hidden underground.

"Could she find a fellow guitarist buried in the sand?"

Janet buried treasure at the beach.

Everyone pretend to find buried treasure.

Beside

Next to.

"And over beside the flower garden, someone started to sing. . ."

I sat beside my friend Aliyah in class.

Shake hands with the person beside you.

BOOK Estela's Swap

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Earn	To get something for doing something else.	"She needed to earn just ten dollars more for folk-dancing lessons in town this summer at Ballet Folklorico."	Jackson earned ten dollars for doing all of his chores.	Have you ever earned money?
Offered	To give someone a choice about something that they can either say yes or no to.	"Six dollars," Papa offered. The man agreed.	Hannah's mom offered her a chocolate cupcake or a vanilla cupcake and she chose chocolate.	If you were offered vanilla ice cream or chocolate ice cream, which one would you choose?
Mood	How a person is feeling.	"Maybe the flower seller is in the mood to buy something."	Jessica was in a bad mood because she could not get the toy she wanted.	What is your mood right now?
Speechless	To be so shocked that you can not speak.	"Only two dollars? For a moment Estela was speechless."	When I saw my birthday surprise I was speechless.	Has something ever left you speechless?

BOOK I Took the Moon for a Walk

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Hid	To hide in order to not be seen.	"The moon got scared and hid its face."	I hid behind the door when I was playing hide-and-seek with my brother.	Have you ever hid under the bed during hide-and-seek?
Warned	To let someone know that something bad might happen.	"I warned the Moon to rise a bit higher, so it wouldn't get hooked on a church's tall spire."	I warned my brother about wearing his helmet when riding his bike.	Has your mom ever warned you to tie your shoes because you might fall?
Weep	To cry.	"And the Moon called the dew so the grass seemed to weep, when I took the Moon for a walk."	I began to weep after I fell off of my bike.	Can you remember the last time you weeped? Why were you sad?
Still	Not moving.	"It followed behind like a still summer kite. . ."	I stood still in line as I waited for my food.	Everyone sit still.

BOOK Franklin has a sleepover

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Homesick

To miss your home and family

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

When you are at school, you may feel homesick sometimes

Think of a time you have felt homesick.

Tidied

To clean up

Franklin Tidied his room before Bear came

During clean up time, you tidy up the classroom

What section of the classroom have you tidied up before?

Enormous

Really big

Bear filled an enormous bag with toys, books, a pillow, a sleeping bag, a puzzle and a flashlight

Elephants are an enormous animal

Make your arms have an enormous space between them.

Gathered

To Collect

Franklin and Bear gathered sticks and twigs for the campfire

During clean up time, you gather your books and toys.

Gather some stuffed animals to read with us.

BOOK Freedom In Congo Square

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Fair

When everyone gets the same chance.

"Slavery was no ways fair. Six more days in Congo Square."

Each person got 5 marbles so they all had a fair chance to when the game.

Give each of them something (like a wooden pencil) and say "This is fair."

Dreads

When you are scared of something or really don't like it.

"The dreaded lash too much to bear."

Payton dreaded going to gym class

What is something you have dreaded doing?

Flock

When a lot of people come together to go to one place.

"They flocked to New Orlean's Congo Square."

The students flocked to the auditorium.

Students flock to the other side of the room.

Gather

When many people come together.

"It was a market and a gathering ground where African music could resound."

They were gathering at breakfast in the morning.

Everyone gather around.

BOOK Friends

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

discover

found

he discovered an old boat lying in the tall grass

I discovered where my brother hid the last cookie

What is something that you discovered this week?

decide

think, choose

good friends always decide things together

I had to decide what I wanted to wear for the day

What is something you decided today?

bold

unafraid, brave

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

fat 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 Grace For President

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Several

More than two but not many.

"Several students in the class laughed."

Georgia went several places on her vacation.

Okay everyone lets clap several times.

Slightly

A little bit.

"He had cleverly calculated that the boys held slightly more electoral votes than the girls."

Violet was slightly upset that she had to wash the dishes.

Slightly turn your head to the side and turn it back.

Demonstration

To show someone how to do something.

"The voting demonstration was quickly coming to an end."

Randy gave great demonstration of riding a bike so that his sister would not be scared to try it out.

Can everyone show me a demonstration of how to tie their shoes?

Organized

Neat and tidy.

"She organized a school beautification committee, and she volunteered her time in the school cafeteria."

Franky organized his toys on the shelf.

Is your desk organized or messy?

BOOK Gary And Harry**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Sparkling**

Shining brightly with flashes of light.

"Deep in the sparkling sea, Gary the green sea turtle and his bestfriend Harry the hawksbill turtle played in their ocean home."

The ring was sparkling on her finger.

Point to something in the room that is sparkling.

Relaxing

Resting or chilling.

". . .They quickly dove through the crystal blue water, eager to enjoy a nice, delicious, relaxing lunch."

Connor loved relaxing at the pool.

Close your eyes and pretend you are relaxing at the beach.

Visit

To go see someone or something.

". . .They would visit the crazy clown fishes who performed in Harold Harlequin Shrimps Spectacular Sea Circus."

I love to go visit my grandma.

Who is your favorite person to visit?

Satisfied

When you are happy with something.

"Gary expected to hear a satisfied "Ahhh", but instead Harry responded with a terrified "Ackkk!"

Tory was really satisfied with dinner because it was really good.

Smile big like you are satisfied.

BOOK America Is Her Name**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Recite**

When you repeat something over and over to remember it.

"She recited the many poems taught her since she was a baby.

Ginger recited her lines for the play.

Recite your ABCs.

Introduce

To tell someone who you are.

"Miss Gable introduces Mr. Aponte, a Puerto Rican poet who is visiting."

The teacher introduces herself on the first day of school.

Lets all introduce ourselves.

Beginning

The start of something.

"She thinks hard about her faraway home that is beginning to fade from her memory."

The beginning of the movie was really good.

What is one thing you do at the beginning of class?

Supper

Dinner.

"The family gathers for supper around a wooden table in the small kitchen."

My favorite food to eat for supper is spaghetti.

What is your favorite thing to eat for supper?

BOOK Get Set! Swim!

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Race	Run with someone to see who is the fastest.	"Jessenia raced her brother Luis down the street."	Hannah and Lily raced to the ice cream truck to get some snacks.	Let's all race across the room.
Widen	To become wider or spread open.	"As the space between the houses widened, so did the empty space inside Jessenia."	Kiara widened her arms to give her little brother a hug.	Widen your arms like you are holding something really big.
Recognize	When you have remembered something from somewhere.	"Then Jessenia recognized the way Nicole pulled in her knees before whipping them out."	Georgia recognized her friend Sally at the mall.	Point to the object in the room that you recognize as the flag.
Triumphantly	To act in a way that shows happiness after something great happens.	"She sped ahead and rammed triumphantly into the wall."	I danced triumphantly when our team won the basketball game.	Celebrate triumphantly like you won a game!

BOOK Goldilocks and The Three Bears

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Shortcut	An easier way to get somewhere.	"You must promise not to take the shortcut through the forest," she said."	I took the shortcut to the store instead of taking the longer way.	Do you take a shortcut on your way to school?
Gobble	Eat something fast.	"In fact she liked it so much that she gobbled it all up."	I gobbled up my lunch.	Pretend to gobble up some food.
Tucker	Very tired or worn out.	"Now, all that rocking left Goldilocks tuckered out."	Raking all of the leaves in the yard tuckered me out.	Pretend to sleep like you are tuckered out.
Scalding	Very hot.	"This porridge is scalding! I've burned my tongue!"	The soup was scalding so I had to wait for it to cool down.	Do you like your food scalding hot or just warm?

BOOK Gracias The Thanksgiving Turkey

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

grazers	animals that eat plants like grasses	He read that turkeys were grazers.	Hamsters are grazers.	point to some plants that a grazer would eat
cord	rope	Abuelo made a ring to fit on the bird's leg, and he tied a cord to that ring.	We use cords to hang our art from the ceiling.	tie a cord to your drawing from today
cover	blanket or sheet	Abuelo made a cover for the cage.	Blankets are our covers during nap time.	tell me what you have for a cover for nap time today
jacket	coat	"Get your jacket!" said Abuela.	Jackets are what we wear outside when it's cold.	What color is your jacket?

BOOK Guess How Much I Love You

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Tight	Fixed in place.	Little Nutbrown Hare held on tight to Big Nutbrown Hare's very long ears.	I hold on tight to a stuffed animal when I am scared.	What else can you hold tight?
Branch	A tree limb.	Big Nutbrown Hare hopped so high that his ears touched the branches.	There are leaves on a tree branch.	Put both hands in the air and pretend to swing on a tree branch.
Beyond	Far away.	Little Nutbrown Hare looked beyond the thornbushes.	The stars in the sky are beyond Earth.	Let's pretend to look at something beyond.
Farther	When something is more far away than another thing.	"Nothing could be farther than the sky."	The super market is farther from my house than school is.	Which is farther away? The desk or the door?

BOOK Harold and the Purple Crayon

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Lost	When you don't know where you are.	"He made a long straight path so he wouldn't get lost."	Delilah and Daisy used the buddy system so that they wouldn't get lost.	Have you lost something? What was it?
Frightening	Really scary	"It was a terribly frightening dragon."	The movie I watched about the ghost was frightening.	Make a frightening face.
Aboard	to get onto something	"In no time he was climbing aboard a trim little boat."	The train conductor said "all aboard" when the girl was walking onto the train.	Lets pretend to be a train conductor and say all aboard with me.
Guard	To keep safe	"So he put a frightening dragon under the tree to guard the apples."	The girl asked her brother to guard her candy when she was gone so that no one else would eat it.	"What things would you guard or keep safe?"

BOOK Harriet gets carried away

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Straightened	To move something so it looks better.	"Harriet straightened her bow tie."	My mom tells me to straighten up my room when it's messy.	Pretend you're wearing a nice hat. Straighten it so it looks just right.
Emerged	To come out of something.	"The orca emerged from the sea."	The chick emerged from the egg.	I'll pretend to be Harriet and you pretend to be the orca. Emerge from the sea!
Daydream(ed)	To stop paying attention and think happy thoughts.	"As the orca swam, Harriet daydreamed."	When I'm bored, I daydream that I'm playing at the playground.	Let's daydream about seeing your favorite animal.
Exchange	To give one thing to someone so you can get a different thing in return.	"I'll drop you off in exchange for the bow tie."	I gave the store money in exchange for a candy bar.	I will tell you my favorite color if you tell me your favorite color. That's an even exchange.

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Reflection

the change in direction of pictures

He looked at his reflection in a store window

I look at my reflection in the mirror

Can you recall a time that you saw your own reflection?

Delicious

Something tastes very good

Archie tasted delicious!

I think that cheesecake is very delicious

What is your favorite delicious snack?

Whispered

When you say something very quietly

Archie whispered something to Peter and ran off

I usually have to whisper when I am in the library

Turn to your neighbor and whisper something nice about them

Announced

To get the attention of everyone and say what you are thinking

"Ok!" Peter announced

I usually announce to my mom when I am leaving the house

Can you remember a time when you announced something to your mom?

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Reluctantly

When we don't want to do something, but we know we have to so we do it anyway.

"Bruce was bear who lived with four geese reluctantly."

Joe reluctantly got out of bed because he did not want to go to school.

Everyone pretend to get out of bed reluctantly, like you do not want to.

Grumpy

When we feel like everything makes us mad for no reason. This might happen when something makes us upset and we get in a bad mood.

"Migration (and motherhood) is hard work for a bear. It made Bruce tired and grumpy."

When we are awake for a long time without a nap, it might make us grumpy because we did not get enough sleep and we're tired.

Everyone show me a grumpy face.

Hogging

Keeping something and using it only for yourself when you are supposed to be sharing it.

"You're hogging the sheets."

Hannah was hogging the game from her sister.

Has someone ever hogged something from you?

Chattering

Talking too much about something that isn't important.

"The next morning, Bruce woke to the sounds of birds chirping and squirrels chattering. . . and possums having a pillow fight."

Jessica and Donna were chattering about their day at school.

Turn to the person next to you and start chattering.

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Slam	when you hit something hard	"does a dinosaur slam his tail and pout?"	I slammed the pinata at my friends birthday party, to get the candy out.	What things do you slam when you're playing outside?
Swing	when you move something 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	when you say something very quietly.	"they whisper good night"	I whisper when its night time and I dont want to wake my friends up.	Can we all practice saying goodnight in a whisper?
Throw	to toss something.	"does he throw his teddy bear all about"	I can throw a baseball so far.	What games do you like to play that you throw something?

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Toss	To throw something softly.	"Nice toss, guys!"	My friend I like to toss the football to each other at the park.	Pretend to toss a ball to the person next to you.
Compact	Tightly squeeze together	"Whoa, those bags are way compacted."	When you smush a piece of paper together real tight.	Pretend you're in a box that keeps getting smaller. Make yourself compact.
Reverse	To do something backwards.	"Driver? Reverse! Get me to the barge."	When you have to do something over again from the start.	Spin in a circle, then reverse by going the exact oposite way you started.
Separate	To break something up or move things apart from each other.	"Power take-off switch? HIT IT! Tail gate? Separate!"	My teacher separated us into groups of two for a project.	Lets separate into two groups!

BOOK How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Adore To like very much. "But you suddenly turned with a smile I adore." Benny adored his mother. What is something you adore?

Fussed To speak about something in a very annoyed way. "Then sat at the table and fussed with your food." Dean fussed because his mom did not let him go outside to play. What is something you have fussed about?

Moped To look upset or sad. "You moped through your nap time and slept not a wink." Farah moped because she had to stay inside and do her chores. Can you show me the face you make when you mope?

Disaster A really bad accident. "Dinner disaster! You made such a mess!" Kylie's birthday party was a disaster because it started to rain. Can you name a time that felt like a disaster?

BOOK Jabari Jumps

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Passed To do well on something. Like a test. "The diving board was high and maybe a little scary, but Jabari had finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and now he was ready to jump." Jabari passed his swim test. Can you name something you have passed?

Rough Uneven and not smooth. "His toes curled around the rough edge." The zoo-keeper said that the alligator's skin was very rough. Can you name something that is rough?

Watched Looking at something. "Jabari watched the other kids climb the long ladder." Jabari watched the kids swim in the pool." What is something you have watched?

Surprises Unexpected events that can cause shock. "Jabari loved surprises." Katy loved surprises. Especially surprise parties. Are you good at hiding surprises?

BOOK How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad?

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Yell	To talk very loudly.	"Does he roar, slam the door, yell at mom or at dad."	Sometimes I yell if I am mad.	Tell me about a time you had to yell.
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Fling	To throw something.	"No cookies today? Fling a mug at the cat."	I like to fling the frisbee at the park.	Show me how you would fling something.
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Pout	To look sad.	"When papa says "No!" does he grumble and pout?"	I pout when I am sad.	Can you show me what a pout looks like?
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Frightening	Very scary.	"Anger can be very frightening and it can make people sad."	The loud thunder was frightening.	What is something that is frightening to you?
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BOOK Bustle In The Bushes.

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Tasty	Very yummy.	"I like to feed on tasty plants."	The food I cooked was tasty.	Can you name something tasty.
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Munch	To eat; To chew.	"I munch a few mouthfuls of marvelous mud."	The rabbit likes to munch on carrots.	What is one snack that you like to munch on?
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Shimmering	Shining. Sparkling.	"My wings are like shimmering rainbows."	The water was shimmering when I went to the beach.	Can you think of something that is shimmering?
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Marvelous	Very good; Great!	"I munch a few mouthfuls of marvelous mud."	The circus show was marvelous.	What is something you think is marvelous?
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BOOK If You Ever Wanted To bring A Piano To The Beach, Don't!

WORDS

CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS

STORY CONTEXTS

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ACTIVITIES

Neat

Tidy, clean.

"You will hold on tight to your piano and keep it neat and clean. . ."

Jade kept her desk neat and clean.

Are you neat or a little messy?

Borrow

To use something that belongs to someone else.

"Borrow your brother's fishing line and cast it far, far out to catch your drifting piano."

Alex went to the library to borrow a book.

Have you ever had to borrow anything?

Splash

To move around in the water quickly.

"You'll splish. You'll splash."

Magnolia likes to splash in the water.

Do you like to splash in the pool or at the beach?

Drifting

Moved slowly by air or water.

"Borrow your brother's fishing line and cast it far, far out to catch your drifting piano."

The boat was drifting in the water.

Can you tell me something that could be drifting in the water?

BOOK How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?

WORDS

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ACTIVITIES

Leaps

Jumps.

"He tidies his desk, then he leaps out the door."

The tiger leaps through the hoops at the circus.

Can you show me some leaps?

Busy

To have a lot to do.

"Does he ride in a busy car pool?"

Tyler had a really busy day at school.

How do you feel after a busy day?

Ahead

In the lead.

"Does he race up the stairs right ahead of the bell?"

The dinosaur was ahead in the race.

Have you ever been ahead in a race?

Carefully

Safely or gently

"A dinosaur carefully raises his hand."

Luke carefully carried his food to the table.

What is something that you have to do carefully?

BOOK If You Give A Moose A Muffin

WORDS

CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS

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ACTIVITIES

Chilly

A little bit cold.

"When he opens the door and feels how chilly it is, he'll ask to borrow a sweater."

It gets chilly during the winter but not during the summer.

Is it chilly outside right now?

Remind

To help someone remember something.

"Seeing the blackberries will remind him of her jam."

The alarm clock reminds me to get up for school.

Point at the clock. It reminds us of the time.

Sewing

Fixing or making clothes.

"He'll start sewing."

Sewing helps fix holes that have ripped in your clothes.

What could sewing help you fix?

Homemade

Something made at home.

"So you'll bring out some of your mother's homemade blackberry jam."

Hannah loves the homemade cookies that her grandma makes.

What is your favorite homemade dish?

BOOK Jamaica's Find

WORDS

CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS

STORY CONTEXTS

RELATABLE EXAMPLES

ACTIVITIES

Alone

To be by yourself.

"She didn't feel like playing alone."

Sometimes I like to be alone so that I can read.

Do you like to be alone more or with friends?

Return

When you give something back or put something back where it came from.

"But, Jamaica, you should have returned the dog, too," said her mother."

I lost my purse before and thankfully had it returned to me.

Has something ever been returned to you or have you ever returned?

Forgot

When you cannot remember something.

"Have you forgotten? It's your turn to wash the dishes."

Last week, I forgot my book at home and had to use a book here.

Have you guys ever forgotten something at home for school?

Arrived

When you get to the place you are going.

"When Jamaica arrived at the park, there was no one there."

Keira knew she had arrived to the park when she saw the kids on the swings.

What is the first thing you do when you have arrived home?

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Freeze

Staying in place. Not moving.

"When P.J. and Ted walked off, JoJo froze."

Tiana had to stay froze in place when she got caught in freeze tag.

Pretend you're frozen in place and don't move.

Jitters

When you feel really nervous about something.

"Back in the day, I kept my hands up, stayed light on my toes, and did a little shuffle step to chase the jitters away."

I had the jitters before my test.

Have you ever gotten the jitters before doing something?

Creepy

Something scary.

"JoJo was glad because she hated to walk pass the tree in her front yard. It looked like a creepy bandit."

The haunted house was very creepy.

What kind of face do you make when you find something creepy?

Visualize

To picture something in your mind.

"Why don't visualize your technique?" JoJo's mom asked. "That's what I do before a tennis match."

Farah could not visualize riding a bike until her brother showed her how to do it.

Visualize that you are having fun at the pool.

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

launch

to push or throw something up

Holly Evans launches vegetable seedlings into the sky.

I launched the basketball into the hoop.

Pretend your launching something into the air (in slow motion)

speechless

when you don't know what to say; usually when you are surprised

Her classmates are speechless.

I was speechless when I saw the pretty flowers.

Show me what face you make when you are speechless

puzzled

to be really confused

Holly is puzzled.

I feel puzzled when I don't know how to spell a word.

Have you ever felt 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 stay up in the sky.

What are you curious about?

BOOK Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Vanished

To go away and be lost

"Her favorite shoes vanished."

I could not find my pencil on my desk, it must have vanished.

Have you ever had anything that vanished or got lost? What was it?

Twinkling

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.

Can you name something that twinkles?

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.

Twirling

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 Knock Knock

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Brilliance

Bright in color.

"Dribble the page with the brilliance of your ballpoint pen."

The brilliance of the sky was beautiful during the sunrise.

Point to something in the room that is brilliant in color.

Avoid

To stay away from someone or something. Or to try not to do something.

His dad taught him how to clean up his face to avoid hurting himself.

Alex would avoid doing his homework until his teacher told his mother.

What is something you avoid doing in the classroom.

Irritation

To be a little angry or annoyed.

"As you grow older, shave in one direction with strong, deliberate strokes to avoid irritation."

Julie tried not to show her irritation when she was waiting for her food. She was very hungry.

What is the face you make when you feel irritation or when you are annoyed?

Direction

A way something or someone moves or goes.

"As you grow older, shave in one direction with strong, deliberate strokes to avoid irritation."

Tim's school is in the opposite direction of his home.

Everyone point in this direction. (Point first to show them which direction.)

BOOK Lesson For The Wolf

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Enjoy	To like something.	"The one who disliked all the things that wolves enjoy?"	I enjoy reading and writing.	What is something you enjoy about school?
Unpleasant	When something makes you unhappy or annoyed.	"Then the wolf scrounged up a bit of wolverine hair. This was unpleasant."	The smell of the garbage can was unpleasant.	Which is more unpleasant? Reading or math?
Participate	To take part in something.	"They grew annoyed with him. He participated very little in hunts."	I participated in a show for my school and it went great!	Everyone participate in clapping our hands.
Hobby	Something that you like to do a lot for fun.	"The wolf had one hobby: he liked to study other animals."	My favorite hobby is exercising.	Do you have a hobby?

BOOK Thunder Cake

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Shudder	When you shake or shiver because you are scared of something.	". . . tumbling sound of thunder makes the windows shudder in their panes."	The scary movie made me shudder.	Everyone show me how you would shudder.
Scurry	To quickly walk or run.	"Now let's gather all things we'll need!" she exclaimed as she scurried toward the back door."	I scurried to get inside if the house because it was raining.	Have you scurried on the playground today?
Surveyed	To look at something or someone carefully.	"Her eyes surveyed the black clouds a way off in the distance."	Kim surveyed the food before she ate it.	Survey the room by looking around.
Glistening	To shine in light.	"She beamed as she added the last strawberry to the glistening chocolate frosting on top of Thunder Cake."	The car was glistening in sun.	Point to something glistening in the room.

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Across	On the other side of something.	". . . but his friend is little yellow who lives across the street."	There is a classroom across from this classroom.	Have students sit across from one another.
Neat	Tidy.	"In school, they sit in neat rows."	We make the classroom neat before the end of the day.	Is your desk neat or messy inside?
Shopping	To buy things	One day Mama blue went shopping"	Parents go shopping for groceries.	Have you gone shopping recently? What did you get?
Suddenly	Quickly or out of nowhere.	". . . until suddenly, around a corner was little yellow."	It can suddenly start raining.	What is something that happens suddenly?

WORDS	CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS	STORY CONTEXTS	RELATABLE EXAMPLES	ACTIVITIES
Fantastic	Very good.	Little Monster said that the story Yally came up with was fantastic!	Maybe you did an arts n crafts project in class that you brought home to show your parents. They told you	Turn to your neighbor and tell them something you think they are fantastic at.
Pout	Frown.	Yally was pouting because the teacher wasn't reading the story he wanted.	You ask your parents can go play and they tell you no. You become upset and frown. This means you were	Everyone show me your best pout face!
Country	A big piece of land with its own ruler. (Like a president).	The teacher shows the kids how monsters from different countries dress and what their flags look like	Canada is a big country.	Does anyone know what country we live in?
Horrible	Very bad.	Yally wants to hear a story about horrible people from outer space.	It is horrible to be a bully. We should be kind to one another.	I will list a couple of things. Tell me if they are horrible or not.

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

cherish	to care about something a lot	The child cherished and wore it everywhere...	I cherish the blue hat that my mom gave me.	What's something that you cherish?
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clever	very smart	The clever creature smiled.	My clever sister is good at doing puzzles.	Who's someone you know that is clever?
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startle	to scare someone	Once inside, the wolf leaped upon the startled woman and gobbled her down whole.	I was startled when I saw the spider climbing up the wall.	Tell me about a time when you were startled by something.
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anxious	worried about something	Little Red Riding Hood, anxious about Grandmother's poor...	I feel anxious when I don't know how to do something.	What makes you feel anxious?
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WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Agree	to say yes	"At last Mommy agrees."	Sometimes I agree to go out with friends.	Show me what it looks like to agree.
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Perfect	the best	"...three perfect cats."	I think your hair looks perfect.	Have you ever seen something perfect?
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Watch	to look at	"Lola watches."	I like to watch TV.	What do you like to watch?
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Evening	night time	"Every evening..."	I eat dinner in the evening.	What do you do in the evening?
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WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Alone	By yourself, when no one else is around	Llama llama red pajama feels alone without his mama	When you go to sleep at night and are alone	Close your eyes and be alone for a second
Whimper	Like the sound a dog makes when sad	Llama llama red pajama whimpers softly for his mama	When a dog wants to go outside, they might whimper	Make a whimper sound like a dog
Moan	A sound someone makes when they are upset	Baby llama starts to moan	When you get mad and make a sound	Make a moan sound as if you were upset
Patient	Nicely waiting for things you want	Please stop all this llama drama and be patient for your mama.	When you have to wait in line for lunch	Freeze and be patient until I say you can move.

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Statue	A statue is a figure of something staying still, usually a human or animal	Be as still as a lion statue	Like the statue of liberty	Pose like a statue, make sure you can hold it for 10 seconds!
Bundle up	Bundle up is to wrap something up to keep it safe or warm	When it's cold, bundle up.	You could bundle up your lunch in a lunchbox so it doesn't get smushed	Pretend you're bundled up in a blanket!
Entertain	To keep busy and happy, not bored is entertained	How to entertain a grandpa:	You have different toys to stay entertained	Think of a way you could stay entertained on a rainy day
Surprise	Surprise is something you don't know is going to happen	Surprise him with the picture.	When playing peek a boo, the baby is surprised when a face pops out	Think of something surprising you could say- use your imagination

BOOK Llama Llama Red Pajama

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Alone	To be by yourself.	Llama llama red pajama feels alone without his mama.	Llama Llama red pajama does not like to be alone.	How do you feel when you are alone?
Fret	Worry.	"Mama isn't coming yet. Baby Llama starts to fret."	Baby Llama started to fret without his mama.	What face do you make when you make when you fret?
Holler	To yell or shout.	"Llama llama red pajama hollers loudly for his mama."	Jason began to holler when he fell down.	Can you holler one time?
Weeping	Crying loudly.	Llama llama red pajama weeping, wailing for his mama.	Jessica started weeping when she got to the dentist.	Do you remember a time that you were weeping?

BOOK Rosie Revere, Engineer

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Chuckled	Laugh quietly.	"And when it was finished, young Rosie was proud, but Fred slapped his knee and chuckled out loud."	Nate chuckled at his friend's joke.	Tell me a time you chuckled.
Autumn	Fall season.	"And that's how it went until one autumn day."	Autumn is my favorite season.	What is one thing that happens when autumn comes?
Checked	Look to make sure something is right.	"She told Rosie tales of things she had done and goals she had checked off her list one by one."	The teacher checked my answers to make sure they were right.	Name something that you have checked.
Ridiculous	Silly.	"She worked and she worked till the day was half gone, then hauled her cheese-copter out onto the lawn to give her invention a test just to see the ridiculous flop it might turn out to be."	The clown was funny and ridiculous.	What is something you find ridiculous?

BOOK Madeline

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Safe	To be away from harm or something bad.	"Madeline was in his arm in a blanket safe and warm."	I am safe when I wear a helmet while riding my bike.	How can you be safe when you play outside?
Visit	To go see someone.	"It's a fine day to visit Madeline."	I love to visit my cousins I don't get to see all of the time.	Which family member of friend do you like to visit?
Afraid	To be scared of something.	"She was not afraid of mice."	I am not afraid of bugs that don't bite.	What bugs are you afraid of?
Solemn	Not smiling; serious.	"Tiptoeing with solemn face, with some flowers and a vase."	Jane had a solemn look on her face when she had to do her homework.	Can you make a solemn face?

BOOK Monsters in the Night

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Fear	To be scared.	"You've nothing to fear."	I have a fear of bugs, they are scary to me!	What is one thing you fear?
Safe	To be out of danger.	"They again will keep you safe where you lay."	I am safe when I use my helmet while riding my bike?	How can you be safe when playing outside?
Allowed	When it is okay for you to do something.	"But harsh leers are not allowed near the bed."	Valorie was happy that she was allowed to be the line leader of her class.	What is something you are not allowed to do in the classroom?
Slumbering	Sleeping.	"Monsters steer away all from slumbering heads."	Henry was extra quiet when his brother was slumbering on the couch.	What do you dream of when you are slumbering?

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Joy	Very happy	Her heart was filled with joy	When you're opening gifts on christmas you are 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	You gaze at the pages of a book with pretty pictures	Everyone gaze at this picture (point to book)
Scurry	Move quickly	The shadows scurried away	You scurry to finish your work (clean room) so that you will be able play.	When do you scurry?
Decorate	Make something look pretty by adding things to it	They decorated sidewalks with poetry and shine	You decorate a cake with frosting and sprinkles	What else can you decorate?

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Fright	fear, to be scared	...make explorers faint with fright!	You might be frightened when you hear a loud noise	What is something the frightens you?
Brave	Not afraid	They wear pants bold and brave	It's very brave to try new things that might scare you	Tell me a time you were brave
Slippery	something that is hard to hold or stand on because it is wet or slimey	their pants get slippery, and slide down all the time!	water makes a fish slippery, so they are hard to hold. Frogs are slippery.	Name something that is slippery.
Creep	walk quietly and carefully so you won't be seen	Monsters think it's monster fun to creep around, all scary!	Sometimes you creep to the bathroom at naptime so you don't wake up your friends	Someone show me how to creep quietly

BOOK Not Norman: A Goldfish Story

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Lesson

A thing you learn.

"This afternoon we go to my music lesson."

I used to have music lessons after school.

What is one lesson you have learned?

Gunky

Sticky and messy.

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

Norman's fish tank was gunky so it needed to be cleaned.

Have you ever had to clean something gunky?

Rescue

To save.

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

The lady climbed the tree to rescue the cat.

Did you rescue something?

Different

Not the same as each other.

"I want a different kind of pet."

The rainbow has many different colors.

How many different colors of the rainbow can you name?

BOOK Drum Dream Girl

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Cafés

A small restaurant.

"At outdoor cafés that looked like gardens she heard drums played by men. . ."

There are many cafés in Tampa.

Have you ever been to a café?

Island

A piece of land in the middle of water.

"But everyone on the island of music in the city of drum-beats believed that only boys can play drums."

Fiji is a beautiful island.

Have you ever been to an island?

Imaginary

Make believe. Fake.

". . .When she closed her eyes she could also hear her own imaginary music."

Dragons are imaginary.

Can you think of something that is imaginary?

Comforting

Make someone feel better.

". . . Her own footsteps and the comforting pat of her own heartbeat."

Hot cocoa is comforting on a cold day.

What is something you find comforting?

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Copy	to do exactly what another person does	Olivia's brother is copying her.	I like to copy my brothers dance moves.	Can you copy my dance moves?
firm	not giving in; fixed in place, not trembling or shaking	Sometimes, Ian just wont leave her alone, Olivia has to be firm.	My mom is firm when it comes to my bed time.	Can you stand firm?
bask	to relax and lie down in warmth and light	Sometimes Olivia likes to bask in the sun.	The last time I went to the pool with my friends I basked in the sun before I went in.	Lets 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?

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

wonder	to think about something	I wonder if Lito, my grandfather, remembered.	I wonder what we're going to do tomorrow.	Let's all pretend to wonder about something. What are you wondering about?
surprise	something fun that you aren't supposed to know about	"Pablo, " she says, "don't you like surprises?"	My friend surprised me with a card when I was sick.	Have you ever gotten a surprise?
decorate	add one thing to another thing to make it more pretty; usually on a special day of the year	I wonder if he remembered to decorate my tree.	My family decorated my room on my birthday.	Have you ever decorated something?
adopt	to bring a new person into your family	"Your mother said, I'm going to adopt a baby ""	My dad was adopted when he was a baby, just like Pablo was.	Do you think adopting someone would make their heart happy?

BOOK Pet Show

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Parrot	Colorful bird	The noisiest parrot	Look at the picture of the parrot on the page	Can you show me how a parrot flies?
Noisiest	The most loud	The noisiest parrot	Between a dog and a mouse, which is normally the noisiest?	Show me who can be the noisiest
Award	To give	As the last prize was being awarded	Look at the judges giving prizes to people	Have you ever been awarded something?
Whisper	Talk quietly	The judges whispered	Look at how the judges are whispering	Show me how you whisper to a friend

BOOK Poppleton

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

soaked	To get really wet	"Poppleton soaked her with the hose."	I got soaked from the rain because I forgot my umbrella.	Nicely pretend you are soaking your neighbor with a hose.
awful	To feel really bad	"Poppleton!" cried Cherry Sue, dripping. Poppleton felt awful.	After the boy fell off his bike, he felt awful.	Show me the kind of face you would make when you feel awful
finish	To be done with something.	"At the end of the day, Poppleton finished the story."	Jamie was finished with her homework so her mom let her go play with her toys.	What do you do with your toys when you're finished playing with them?
charming	Very likable (easy to like)	"Poppleton's small house was very charming."	The restaurant was very pretty and charming.	What is something that you really like or think is charming?

BOOK Rain School

WORDS

CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS

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ACTIVITIES

Roof

The upper part of your house that protects you from the weather.

He gathers grass and saplings with the other children, and they make a roof.

The roof at my house is made of metal.

Can you put your hands in a point above your head like a roof?

Wooden

Something that is made of wood.

Thomas helps bring in little wooden stools.

I think that wooden chairs are less comfortable than a chair made of cloth.

Can you find something in the room that is wooden?

Disappears

When something or someone goes missing.

"Slowly, the school disappears until there is almost nothing left.

The sun comes up in the morning and disappears at night.

Can you name something that disappears?

Knowledge

Information that people learn about something.

"The students' minds are fat with knowledge."

James left school full of knowledge about math.

Can you name a place that you can find knowledge about something?

BOOK Shoes From Grandpa

WORDS

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coat

A thick jacket that you wear when it's cold outside.

"Go with a coat you could wear on a boat."

What do we wear in the Winter? A coat!

Everyone let's pretend to put on a coat.

shop

A place that we go to we buy stuff.

"Go with the socks from local shops."

Khalid buys his table from the shop.

What is the last thing you got from a shop?

mitten

Something we wear over our hands in the Winter. Winter gloves.

"I'll buy you some mittens that are softer than kittens."

I wear mittens when it is cold outside.

If you're going to make a snowman, what should you wear to cover your hands?

knit

Knitting is a way to make clothes.

"I'll knit your scarf that makes us all laugh."

When there is a tear in my shirt, I knit it to fix the tear.

Have you ever knitted something?

BOOK Star In The Jar**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Teaching**

Showing someone how to do something.

"We tried climbing up high, teaching it to fly, and bouncing the star back up to the sky."

Ms. Jordan was teaching math to her class today.

Would you have more fun teaching someone to play a game or teaching them math?

Gently

Soft and carefully."

"And they lifted their little friend gently back up into the sky."

Tammy petted the puppy gently, careful not to hurt it.

What is something you do gently?

Helpful

Something or someone that makes things easier.

"We asked the helpful girl from school. But she said it wasn't hers."

Penelope was very helpful in class.

Can you think of a way to be helpful?

Treasure

An object that is worth a lot or means a lot to someone.

"My little brother likes looking for treasure."

Daren found buried treasure at the beach.

Have you ever found any treasure?

BOOK Eraser**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Stick**

Keep together.

"And look at Tape and Glue. They can get anyone to stick together."

When you use your glue stick for an assignment, you are sticking things together.

Can you tell me two things that sticks together?

Mistake

Accidents. When you don't mean to do something.

"Mistakes. . . make us great!"

We make a mistake when writing and we use an eraser to fix it.

"What is one mistake you made and how did you fix it?"

Creative

New and exciting.

"Everyone thinks pencil and her friends are the smart and creative ones. It's not fair."

When we draw pictures we are being creative!

Can you show me a creative dance?

Excellent

Really good; Great!

"You do an excellent job."

Julio was an excellent reader in class.

What is something you are excellent at?

BOOK Stone Soup**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Curiosity**

When you want to learn more

"His eyes big with curiosity"

I show curiosity when I ask questions in class.

Show your curiosity by asking me a question about the book.

Hurry

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

Lots of food

"They had not been together for a feast like this in a long time."

At Thanksgiving, you 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 Stuck**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Distance**

How close or far something is.

". . . a long-distance truck to knock down the rhinoceros.

Isabella's home was a long distance from her school.

What is something that you have to go a long distance to get?

Borrow

To take something and give it back later.

"The ladder was borrowed from a neighbor."

Susan borrowed two books from the library.

What's something that you have borrowed?

Hurl

To throw something really hard.

"The ladder was borrowed from a neighbor."

James hurled the football in P.E.

Can everyone name one thing you can hurl?

Exhausted

Very tired.

"That night, Floyd fell asleep exhasuted.

Floyd was exhausted so he went to sleep.

What is something that makes you exhausted?

BOOK The Berenstain Bears and the Week At Grandma's

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

 Scoot 	To go or leave somewhere quickly.	"They scooted out of the room and were back in a jiffy with their vacation things."	I scooted downstairs because the food was ready.	Let's all scoot across the room.
 Jiffy 	A very short period of time; A moment.	"They scooted out of the room and were back in a jiffy with their vacation things."	I told my mom that I was running to the store and I would be back in a jiffy.	What is something that you can do in a jiffy?
 Opportunity 	A change to do something.	". . . Gran has been after me to let you spend a week with her and Gramps. And this will be the perfect opportunity."	I got a great opportunity to travel to a different country.	Have you ever gotten the opportunity to be the line leader for your class?
 Unpack 	To open and take things out of something. Usually a suitcase or bag.	"After they unpacked their things, Gramps thought the cubs might like to explore around the house."	I unpacked my suitcase after I came back from my vacation.	Pretend you're unpacking your bookbag after school.

BOOK The Best Mariachi in the World

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

 Wonder 	to think or imagine	"Gustavo wondered" In the picture he looks like he is thinking	I've wondered what was going to be for dinner	What do you wonder?
 Dawn 	sunrise	"Got up one morning before dawn" In the picture, the sun is not up yet	In the beginning of the school year, most of you were up at dawn	Have you ever been up before the sun?
 Cacti 	plant with spikes	"Saw the cacti" Look at the picture of the cacti	In looney tunes, Coyote falls on a lot of cacti.	Have you ever seen or touched a cactus?
 HandKerchief 	cloth tissue you don't throw away	"Women waved their handkerchiefs"	In some old movies, women wave their tissues when they say goodbye.	Have you ever seen a woman wave a handkerchief?

BOOK The Berenstain Bears Play a Good Game

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Frosty	Very cold.	"But in the fall, when the leaves turned color and the frosty nip was in the air. . ."	I like to stay inside when it's frosty outside.	What is something you wear when it is frosty outside?
Sternly	In a serious manner.	"Now, Papa Bear," she said sternly."	Jamie's mom spoke to her sternly when she broke the vase while running in the house.	When you do something wrong in class, does your teacher speak to you sternly or nicely?
Fair	Equal for everyone.	"Everyone played fair and had a lot of fun . . . whether they won or lost."	I got half of the sandwich and gave my brother the other half so that it is fair.	Is it fair if I only give candy to one person in the class?
Expertly	Doing something really good.	"The Rockets had the ball, and Bram and Bam quickly brought it down the field, passing it expertly back and forth."	Dylan sings and dances expertly.	Is there anything that you can do expertly?

BOOK The Berenstain Bears' Trouble With Pets

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Injured	Hurt.	"On her finger was the sparrow that the Bear family had taken in because it had an injured leg."	I injured my foot and had to wear a cast.	Have you ever been injured?
Overjoy	Very happy.	"Brother and Sister were overjoyed."	I was overjoyed at the basketball game when our team won.	Everyone smile really big like you're overjoyed.
Compete	To go against someone in a competition to win a prize.	"It would be a long time before the pup could compete for blue ribbons."	Andres loved to compete in the school spelling bee.	Can you tell me about a time you had to compete with someone?
Pointing	Using your finger to show someone something.	"Speaking of dogs," said Papa, pointing to a sign as they drove by Farmer Ben's place."	My brother and I were in the car pointing at every bird that we passed on the drive.	Let's all try pointing at the American flag.

BOOK How To Babysit A Grandma

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Borrow	To get something to use and give back.	"Let her borrow some sprinkles, some books, some stickers, some ribbons."	Charlie let Mark borrow his favorite toy.	When is the last time you let someone borrow something of yours?
Arrange	To put things in order.	"Arrange the food to make silly faces."	Henry liked to arrange his shirts by color.	What is something that you arrange?
Decorate	Make something look better by adding things to it.	"If your grandma likes fancy things, decorate her with ribbons, bows, and stickers."	Ashley loved to decorate the Christmas tree with her mom.	What is something you have decorated?
Remind	To help someone remember something.	"Push your grandma on the swing, but not too high. Remind her to pump her legs."	Riley's mom had to remind her to do her homework.	Tell me a time you had remind someone of something.

BOOK The Big Bed

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Positive	To be very sure about something.	"I'm almost positive she'd be willing to tap your back for a few minutes."	Diana was positive that her answer was right on the test.	Tell me a time you were positive about something.
Valued	Something that is important to someone.	"What I am trying to say is that you are a valued member of this team."	Jordan valued the necklace his dad gave him.	What is something that is valued to you?
Problem	Something that is hard to fix.	"I have no problem with you during the day."	The football team huddled before the game.	Who can name a time that they had to fix a problem?
Reasonable	Something that is fair.	"I am reasonable person."	Hannah was being reasonable with her brother when she shared her candy.	Name a time that you were reasonable.

BOOK The Chicken Chasing Queen Of Lamar County

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Behave	To show good manners.	"Big mama says, "Baby, behave yourself. Leave those chickens alone!"	Winter knew how to behave in class.	Can you tell me one good way to behave?
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Chase	To run after something to catch it.	"I love chasing chickens. I do! I do!"	The cat was chasing its toy.	Have you ever chased something?
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Direction	The way a person or thing moves or faces.	"Chickens go feather-flapping in every direction."	There were animals in every direction at the zoo.	Can everyone point in one direction?
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Understanding	When people agree with each other.	"Miss Hen and I have an understanding."	Joe and Tom were understanding when they had to share toys.	Can you tell me a time that you were understanding?
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BOOK The Wall In The Middle Of The Book

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Glad	Happy.	"That's why I'm glad there's a wall in the middle of the book, and that I'm on this side of it."	Trinity was glad that she got to play on the playground.	Can you name something you are glad about?
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Safe	Away from harm or something bad.	"This side of the book is safe."	Using the buddy system is a good way to stay safe.	Can you name something or someone that keeps you safe?
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Caught	When you have grabbed or captured something.	"If the ogre ever caught me, he'd eat me up."	Jaden caught the ball in the football game.	Have you ever caught a ball?
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Dangerous	Unsafe.	"But the most dangerous thing on the other side of the book is the ogre."	Going out alone at night can be dangerous.	What is more dangerous? Walking with scissors or running with scissors?
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BOOK The Chupacabra ate the Candelabra

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

prepared

To get something ready.

But we have nothing prepared!

I help my mom prepare dinner.

How do you prepare for school? Tell me what you do.

frightened

To be scared.

Bravest in back, most frightened in front.

My brother jumped out of my closet and frightened me.

Are there any monsters that frighten you? Ghosts frighten me.

suggestion

To tell someone else to try something new.

Thank you for the suggestion.

I didn't know what book to bring. My teacher gave me a suggestion to take this one.

Do you have any suggestions for a book I can bring next week?

relief

A nice feeling you get after something bad goes well.

The goats sighed with relief.

I broke my toy. I thought my mom would be mad at me. To my relief, she wasn't.

Have you ever lost anything? How did you feel when you found it again?

BOOK The Name Jar

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Cheerfully

To do or say something in a happy way.

"Hi! My name is Amanda," she said cheerfully."

Jada and Victoria jumped up and down cheerfully when they won their soccer game.

What is something you do cheerfully?

Understand

When you get what something means.

"Did you understand the teacher?"

Gabe could not understand his science homework so his sister helped him.

What do you do when you don't understand something?

Welcome

To greet in a friendly way.

"Please welcome our newest student!"

Tanner welcomed the new boy in class.

How do you welcome someone?

Applauded

To clap.

"They applauded Unhei's choice."

Everyone applauded when the show was over.

Everyone applaud!

BOOK Lo-Jack and the Pirates

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Ordered

To tell someone to do something.

"Just what the captain ordered," said the tall pirate."

Your mother may have told you in serious voice to clean your room. That means she ordered you to do it.

I order you everyone to sit criss-cross-apple-sauce.

Tremble

Your body shaking because you are excited or scared.

"Jack began to tremble. "Oh please sir," he said, "I wouldn't make a good supper. I'm too scrawny and tough."

Jack liked watching scary movies with his brothers, but he would always tremble when a really scary part came on.

Everyone show me how you would tremble.

Spotted

To see or notice something that someone is searching for.

"Give chase!" ordered the captain. Jack soon spotted the ship.

I spotted a little bunny at the park, but it hopped away as I got closer.

Can you spot the American flag in the room and point to it?

Nearby

Close. Not far away.

Captain Grim and the pirate swam as fast as they could toward a nearby island.

If you get to school pretty fast, you probably live nearby.

Look at the person nearby and smile.

BOOK The Gigantic Turnip

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Crooked

Bent out of shape or place.

"Long ago, an old man and an old woman lived together in a crooked old cottage. . ."

Taylor's teeth were crooked before she got braces.

Havr you ever drawn a crooked line on your paper? What did you do to fix it?

Produce

To make or grow something.

"The rain would help the seeds swell and produce fine juicy vegetables.

If you ever drew a piece of art, that means you produced it.

Have you ever been to a garden or farm? They prodeuce fruit, veggies, and even meat.

Gigantic

Huge.

'At the end of the row, there was a turnip left. It looked very big. In fact, it looked gigantic.

The skyscraper was so gigantic, it went up way into the sky.

Let's make a gigantic circle by putting our arms above our heads. (Demonstrate)

Tugged

To pull something hard or suddenly.

"The old man pulled and heaved and tugged and yanked, but the turnip would not move."

I tugged off my boots when I got home from schhol.

Has anyone ever played tug-of-war? Tugging is what the game is about.

BOOK The Gruffalo

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

terrible	really bad	"He has terrible tusks, and terrible claws,"	I broke my arm before and it was terrible, it hurt so bad.	Can you guys think of anything that is really terrible?
favorite	something you like a lot	"and his favorite food is roasted fox."	My favorite thing to do after school is to cook.	Do any of you have any favorite foods?
afraid	to be scared of	"Just walk behind me and soon you'll see, everyone is afraid of me."	I was watching this Halloween movie the other night and I was very afraid, it scared me.	Let's all make a face like we are afraid.
amazing	very good	"Amazing!" said the gruffalo.	I think all of you are doing an amazing job listening to me right now.	What is something you think is amazing?

BOOK The Gruffalo

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Prickle	A small thorn. A pointy part of the stem of a plant.	"He has purple prickles all over his back."	The prickle poked me when I went to pick strawberries.	Have you ever been poked by a prickle?
Feast	A large meal.	"It's wonderfully good of you, Snake, but no, I'm having a feast with a gruffalo."	Gerald enjoyed the Thanksgiving fest with his family.	What is your favorite food to feast on?
Astounding	Really cool! Amazing!	"Astounding!" said the gruffalo."	The dolphin jumped through a hoop in the water and it was astounding!	What is something that is astounding to you?
Terrible	Very bad.	"He has terrible tusks, and terrible claws, and terrible teeth in his terrible jaws."	I broke my arm before and it was terrible because it hurt so bad.	Can you guys think of anything that is terrible?

BOOK The Happiest Tree: A Yoga Story

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Clumsy	When you drop things or trip a lot. When you can't handle things well.	"I can't. I'm too clumsy."	I dropped my phone on the ground and broke it. I'm too clumsy.	Let's pretend to drop something like we are clumsy.
Topple	When something falls down slowly.	"Soon Meena could breathe deeply and make herself still. Her feet didn't shoot out so much. She didn't topple over as often."	The Jenga game blocks will topple off when you pull one out too fast.	Demonstrate stacking something up and make it topple over.
Caution	To warn.	"Careful." Cautioned Mom.	Meena's mother cautioned her to be careful so that she would not fall.	Caution signs warn us of doing certain things. Have you ever seen a caution sign?
Difficult	Something that is hard to do.	"Auntie told her what she did correctly, and helped her with the difficult parts."	Tanner's reading homework was difficult for him so he asked his teacher for help.	What subject is more difficult? Math or science?

BOOK Radio Man

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Sounded	When something makes a sound.	"BEEP, BEEP. A truck's horn sounded outside."	The alarm sounded when the front door of the house opened.	Pretend the fire alarm has sounded. What do you do?
Harvest	Gathering food that has been grown.	"Its been a great harvest this year."	We went to the farm to harvest strawberries from the field.	If you could harvest any type of food, what would it be?
Volume	How loud or quiet something is.	"Diego turned up the volume."	"I turned the television down because the volume was too high."	Let's speak at a low volume, then let's speak at a high volume.
Announcer	Someone who is telling a group of people something.	"The radio announcer gave a telephone so that people could call in and give their messages."	Lily was the announcer for her group project.	Who wants to pretend to be the announcer for the class?

BOOK The Legend Of Rock Paper Scissors

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Match	When something is the same or equal.	"He set out across Desk Mountain to find his match."	Jaden made sure to match his shoes when he was getting dressed.	What are two things that match?
Tart	Sour.	"I will beat you, Rock, with my tart and tangy sweetness."	The lemonade was tart.	Can you name something that is tart?
Smooch	Squashing or crushing something.	"And yet smooching you has brought Neno joy."	Candance and Jack were smooching their playdoh together.	What is something you enjoy smooching?
Unsatisfied	Unhappy with something.	"Even though he had won, Rock was still unsatisfied."	Julie was unsatisfied with the game.	Do you remember a time that you were unsatisfied?

BOOK I'm Not Just A Scribble

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Upset	Unhappy.	"But I won't be upset," He proclaimed that day.	James got upset when he could not play outside.	What face do you make when you are upset?
Special	Better or greater than normal.	"My colors are special, and my lines are just fine."	Everyone is special in their own way.	What is something that is special to you?
Huddle	To come close together.	"Should we ask him to play?" They huddled to discuss."	The football team huddled before the game.	Everyone let's huddle together.
Grateful	Thankful.	"They were so grateful he gave them another chance."	Amy was grateful for her friends.	Can you name something you are grateful for?

BOOK Oh The Places You'll Go!

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Frequently

Regularly or often.

"Out there things can happen and frequently do to people as brainy and footsy as you."

You are usually at school five days a week, so going to school is something you do frequently.

What is one thing you do frequently?

Lag

To fall behind; Not keep up with others.

"You won't lag behind, you'll have all the speed."

I was lagging behind my friends so I had to walk faster to keep up.

Have you ever raced someone and lost? Did you lag behind them?

Foul (Weather)

In terms of weather it means wet and stormy.

"But on you will go though the weather will be foul."

I grabbed my raincoat before going out into the foul weather.

What do you do when the weather is foul?

Guaranteed

When something is certain to happen.

"And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 per cent guaranteed.)"

Jamie's teacher guaranteed that they would have a movie day on Friday if the class behaved the whole week.

Has your mom ever guaranteed a reward when you do your chores?

BOOK The Lorax

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Busy

When you have a lot to do.

"We were all knitting Thneeds just busy as bees., to the sound of the chopping of Truffula Trees."

Have you ever been rushing to get everything together before school? That means you were probably busy.

How do you feel after a busy day?

Nuisance

Something or someone that annoys you.

"I was fixing some pipes when that old-nuisance Lorax came back with more gripes."

Have you ever been playing outside and insects kept biting or bothering you? They were being a nuisance.

What is something that you find to be a nuisance?

Glance

To look at somethig quickly.

"The Lorax said nothing. Just gave me a glance. . . just gave me a very sad backward glance. . ."

Raina glanced at the giftbag under the tree and wondered what was in it.

Glance at the person beside you.

Weary

Tired.

"They'll walk on their fins and get woefully weary in search of some water that isn't so smeary."

Hannah was weary after a long day of school.

Let's pretend to sleep as if we are weary.

BOOK The Pirate Queen

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Upright

Sitting or standing with the back straight.

"So they sailed back to the Admiral's galleon, and they put the ship upright and put back the treasure."

When I don't sit upright, my back starts to hurt.

Everyone let's sit up right. (Demonstrate)

Desperate

Having a great need or want for something.

"The crew were all desperate pirates, with knives between their teeth."

I was desperate for a good grade on my chemistry test.

Would you be more desperate for a new toy or some candy?

Wounded

Hurt.

". . . and all its treasure fell into the sea, and Maggie was wounded on her knee."

I wounded my leg when I fell of the bike.

Let's all make sure our shoes are tied so we don't fall and get wounded.

Recognize

When you remember something or someone.

"But when Maggie looked through her telescope, she recognized them at once."

I recognized my teacher when I saw her at the grocery store.

Point to the object in the room that you recognize as the American Flag.

BOOK The Girl Who Wore Too Much

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Exhausted

Very tired.

"There she stopped, stuck in her heavy clothes, to exhausted to take another step.

I was exhausted when I got home so I went straight to sleep.

What do you do when you are exhausted?

Soil

Make dirty.

"Don't pull! You will soil my silk clothes."

My brother would soil his clothes everyday playing outside.

Have you ever soiled your clothes playing on the playground?

Dainty

Small and pretty.

"Aree, those golden earrings would look so attractive on your dainty ear."

The dress was nice and dainty.

Can you think of something dainty?

Certain

Sure of something.

"Will all of my dresses I'm certain to be the most beautiful girl at the dance."

I only like a certain kind of cereal for breakfast.

Is there a certain subject you like most? (Math, science, reading, or history?)

BOOK The Quickest Kid In Clarksville

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Scowl	To frown in an angry way.	"I scowl at her."	Some people scowl when they are mad.	Show me a scowl.
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Bulky	Something that is big and takes up space.	"Thing is, that banner is bulky. No way I'll make it all the way to the parade."	The garbage can was too bulky in the small kitchen.	Point to something in the room that is bulky.
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Collapse	Fall down.	"We collapse on the curb."	After the game the players collapse on the field. They were so tired.	Everyone sit criss cross and pretend to collapse on the ground. (Demonstrate for them.)
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Drag	Pulling or tugging something.	"I limp home. Feet dragging. Head hanging."	Dragging my heavy bookbag up the stairs is hard.	Pretend you are dragging something heavy.
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BOOK Bear Feels Sick

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Autumn	The fall season.	"Alone in his cave as the autumn wind blows, Bear feels achy with a stuffed-up nose."	Autumn is my favorite season.	Do you like autumn or winter more?
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Toss	To throw something.	"He tosses and he turns, all huddled in a heap."	Gia and Penelope tosses the ball back and forth at recess.	Pretend to toss a ball.
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Mutters	To mumble or whisper usually when you are annoyed.	"Mouse mutters, "Oh my Bear's head is too hot."	"I am so tired." Henry mutters on the ride home from school.	Mutter something nice to yourself.
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Frolic	To play and move around in a happy way.	"Let's go out and play. Let's jump in the leaves. Let's frolic all day!"	The kids loved to frolic on the playground.	Would you rather frolic outside or be in the classroom?
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BOOK The Real Princess A Mathemagical Tale

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Duties	Tasks that someone has to do.	". . . 7 gardeners had to abandon their duties and come inside for shelter."	I finished all of my duties and now it was time to relax.	What are some duties that you have to do in the classroom?
Gleam	To shine brightly.	"When the queen opened the door of the shed, the peas gleamed in the darkness."	Her smile gleamed as she accepted her award.	Point to something in the room that gleams.
Drenched	Very wet or soaked.	"The rain had drenched her clothing right through, and her hair fell in dripping straggles down to her waist."	I was drenched from head to toe because I got caught in the rain with no umbrella."	Have you ever been caught in the rain?
Shabby	In bad condition. Worn or dirty.	"It was a small, shabby shed hidden away at the back of the fooseberry patch, and in it she kept 9 golden peas."	My running shoes are shabby but they are very comfortable.	Do you have a pair of shabby shoes that you still love to wear?

BOOK The Ring Bearer

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Busy	When you have many things to do.	"Tall Jackson walks over to little Sophie who is busy counting flowers.	The mall was really bust. There were people all over.	Would you rather be busy doing homework or playing outside?
Steady	When something is not shaking or moving. It is balanced.	"Grandpop helps them practice, shows them how to walk down the aisle slow and steady."	Caden had to make sure to be steady when riding his bike.	Get up slow and steady.
rush	To move very fast.	"Jason rushes to Sophie just as she trips on the step and catches her before she falls."	Isaac always rushes out the door to catch his bus for school.	Have you ever forgotten something because you were rushing?
ignore	Not paying attention to something on purpose.	"Jackson walks slowly and steady while Sophie skips ahead, ignoring Grandpop's advice."	Ignoring someone is not nice.	Put your hands over your ears like you're ignoring everyone.

BOOK Bear Snores On

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Cuddle	Hugging someone really close.	"The bear cuddled with himself when slept."	When you sleep, you might cuddle your blanket or pillow.	Can you cuddle yourself and give yourself a big hug.
Glow	Something that is shining really brightly.	"The rabbits eyes were really bright agasint the dark outside."	Your nightlamp may glow if the room lights are off.	What is something else that glows?
Scuffle	Move fast with small steps.	"A badger scuffled and came into the cave."	Bugs can scuffle across the floor.	Can you scuffle across the floor?
Nibble	To eat something with small bites.	"The small animals ate in small bites."	You can nibble on a cookie.	What is your favorite snack to nibble on?

BOOK The Snowy Day

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Covered	To make somethng unseen.	"The covered the ground, so you could not see the ground."	The blanket on your bed covers your bed.	Is there anything in this classroom that is covered and you can't see it?
Heaping	A large pile.	"The heaping snow was in a large pile."	Laundry clothes in heaps on the floor.	Is there something in this classroom that is in a heaping pile?
Melted	When something become super mushy and watery.	"The snowball melted in the sun and went away."	Melted ice cream.	Have you ever eaten anything melted other than ice cream?
Across	On the other side of you.	"The boy lived across the hall, on the other side, from his friend."	When you're on the road, whatever is on the other side is across from you.	What is across from you in the classroom?

BOOK The Star People

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Travels	To go from place to place.	"Do you see how Father Sun travels high in the sky during the day?"	George travels to and from school in a school bus.	Have you ever traveled to anywhere interesting?
Flee	To run away from something.	The animals were fleeing from the fire.	A mouse usually flees from cats.	Pretend to flee as fast as you can. (Demonstrate the action first)
Chant	To say or shout something over and over.	"Chanting, the Star People encircled us."	Everyone was chanting loudly at the football game.	Can you try chanting "Go" three times?
Beneath	Under or below something.	"Beneath a heaven full of stars we fell into a deep sleep."	Hunter hid beneath the bed during hide-and-seek.	Can you name an insect that hides beneath a rock?

BOOK The Stray Dog

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Scruffy	Untidy or dirty.	"It's a scruffy little dog," said the mother."	I had to cleaned my running shoes because they were scruffy.	What do you do when something is scruffy.
Taught	When you show someone or something how to do something.	"The children played with him and taught him to sit up."	Kenny taught his sister her ABCs.	Have you ever taught a pet to do something? Like roll over or play fetch?
Settled	When you get comfortable somewhere new.	"And Willy settled in where he belonged."	The Letterman family settled into their new home.	Was it hard to settle into this grade from your last grade?
Interesting	Something that catches your attention.	"And after that . . . they introduced him to the neighborhood where he met some very interesting dogs."	It was interesting seeing all of the animals at the zoo.	Which is more interesting? Math or science?

BOOK The Three Little Pigs

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Load	A lot of something.	"As the third little pig was going along, he met a man with a load of bricks."	The third little pig used a load of bricks to build his house.	Would you rather have a load of candy or a load of veggies?
Angry	To be really mad.	"Oh, I already got myself a nice basket of turnips," the little pig said. This made the wolf very angry."	When my brother steals my snacks, I get angry.	What things make you angry?
Supper	Dinner time.	"That night, the third little pig had wolf soup for supper."	Jonathan ate spaghetti for supper and it was yummy.	What is your favorite thing to eat for supper?
Gather	To put your things together in one place.	"...he met a man who was gathering straw."	When you are about to leave school, you gather your things together.	When you are about to leave school, you gather your things together.

BOOK The Ugly Duckling

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

pleased	happy, glad	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	go behind, go along with	As he and the five furry balls followed her to the water.	I followed my friend to our classroom.	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 cozy bed at night.	Name a place where you feel peaceful.
frightful	scary	A frightful dog appeared beside him.	A frightful monster appeared in my dream.	What kind of face would you make if you saw something frightful?

BOOK The True Story Of The Three Little Pigs

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Diet	What someone eats.	"Maybe it's because of our diet."	A lion has a meat only diet so they are carnivores.	Do you know what animal has a diet of mostly seeds and nuts? (A bird)
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Spoil	When food goes bad.	"Now you know food will spoil if you just leave it out in the open."	The rice had become spoiled, I could tell by the taste.	What do you do when your food spoils?
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Impolite	Mean or not nice.	"Get out of here, Wolf. Don't bother me again." Talk about impolite!"	Jamie was being impolite so Krysta told the teacher.	What should you do if someone is being impolite to you?
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Framed	Making someone get in trouble for something they didn't do.	"That's it. That's the real story. I was framed."	My little brother ate my mom's cookies but I got in trouble for it. I was framed!	Have you ever been framed for something you did not do? How did that make you feel.
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BOOK Dreams

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Supper	Dinner	Roberto eats supper and then goes to talk to Amy.	Dinner and supper mean the same thing, so when people say supper they mean dinner and when people say dinner, they also mean supper.	What is your favorite dish to eat for supper?
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Gasp	To sharply inhale.	What Roberto saw in the street made him gasp.	When someone is scared or surprised you usually hear them breath in quickly. That means you heard them gasp.	Share a time when you remember gasping or making someone else gasp.
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Snarl	An animal showing their teeth and growling.	The dog snarled at the cat.	Have you ever walked past a neighbor's dog and they show you their teeth and bark? That is also them snarling at you.	Pretend to be an angry animal and snarl at your friends.
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Dash	To run quickly.	The cat dashed across the street when the dog ran away.	Think of a time you had to get somewhere quickly. Maybe you fell behind your group of friends and had to dash to catch up with them.	Everyone let's dash across the room.
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BOOK The Very Last Castle

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

expect	To think that something will happen	In the middle of a town stood something you might not expect.	My friend didn't show up for my party. I was sad because I expected her to be there.	I'm going to drop this book. What do you expect to happen?
breath	Inhaling or exhaling.	She was out of breath.	I felt sick in class because my teacher's breath smelled like onions.	Let's pretend we're sticking our heads underwater. Inhale and hold your 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.	You want to go to a park with your friend. Imagine what an invitation to your friend would say.
request	To ask for something	I have a request.	I went to the grocery store. My brother requested I get apple juice.	I want to bring you books you will like. What kind of book do you request? (subjects)

BOOK The Way I Feel

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

disappointed	Very sad.	The character is disappointed that their friend couldn't come and play.	You may become disappointed if the teacher says no playtime today.	Make a sad face then say something nice to the person next to you to cheer them up.
soaring	Flying very high.	The girl's mood is soaring.	When you go really high in a swing, you are soaring.	Close your eyes and imagine you are soaring high above the city and you can see everything.
frustrated	Sad because something is hard to do.	She is frustrated because she tried really hard but just couldn't get it.	You might get frustrated if you don't 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 Those Shoes

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Price	How much something costs.	"At the shoe store, Grandma turns those shoes over so she can check the price."	Have you ever been to the store with your parents and saw number next to all of the items? Those were the prices.	Show children different objects and ask them to guess the price.
Outgrew	When you have grown too big for something.	"What is there's a rich kid who outgrew his or got two pairs for Christmas and had to give one of them away?"	Have you ever put on old shoes and couldn't fit them anymore? That means you outgrew them.	What do you do with the things that you outgrew?
Beginning	The start of something.	"Snow is beginning to fall as I run across the street to Antonio's apartment."	The beginning of the movie was so funny, but the end was sad.	What is one thing you do at the beginning of class?
Spies	To watch something or someone.	"Grandma calls me for supper and invites Antonio over, too. After supper, he spies on my shoes."	Honey spies at the shoes on the rack hoping her mom will buy them for her.	Let's play I-spy so we can all be spies.

BOOK Curious George get a medal

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Awful	Very bad.	"But instead of going into the pen the ink spilled all over and made a big blue puddle on the floor. It was an awful mess."	The smell coming from the garbage can was awful so dad took it out.	What is something that smells awful to you?
Forgotten	When something can't be remembered.	"He had never seen anything like it. For the moment all his troubles were forgotten."	Vanessa had forgotten her homework on her desk at home.	Have you ever forgotten something at home and had to turn around and go get it?
Enormous	Huge.	"In the next room George saw something so enormous it took his breath away."	The rhino at the zoo was enormous.	Can you name an enormous animal?
Ashamed	When you feel bad about something you've done.	"George was carried off in a cage. He felt so ashamed. . ."	Jessica's bully felt ashamed and had to apologize to her.	Everyone frown like you are ashamed.

BOOK Tito Puente Mambo King

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Lessons	when you go somewhere and someone teaches you something	"Get that boy some music lessons!"	1) I took guitar lessons from my friend's dad. 2) my friend went to pitching lessons from his coach.	Brainstorm different things in which you would need to take lessons
Future	Something that hasn't happened yet	Every year his church held a Stars of the Future contest.	1) In the future I want to be a chef. 2) In the future I want to be a bus driver.	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"	1) I got an award for winning a singing contest. 2) my friend won an award for being the best dancer in a competition	What awards have you won? How did that make you feel?
Dance	Move to a rhythm	Tito loved to dance, too!	1) I danced all night long 2) My dad danced in a competition	Get up and dance together

BOOK When Pencil Met Eraser

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Meadow	A large area with grass and sometimes flowers.	"Look! Now we can walk through the meadow."	Maria and her family went for a picnic in the meadow.	Would you rather run in a meadow or on the playground?
Fix	To make something work right or put something back together.	". . . but sometimes pencils make mistakes and erasers can help fix them."	Wendy's toy broke so she asked her brother I had to fix it.	Who do you ask to fix something when it is broken?
Create	To make something.	"Once, there was a pencil AND an eraser who loved to create."	Wendy's toy broke so she asked her brother I had to fix it.	What is something that you can create in a classroom?
Artist	Someone who creates art.	"Leave the ART to the artist."	The artist painted wonderful artwork.	The artist painted wonderful artwork.

BOOK Too Many Tamales

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Litter	Leaving things messy or all over.		The tired skidded across the road.	Let's all skid across the floor.
Batch	A bunch of something.	"Well, it looks like we all have to cook up another batch of tamales." Rosa said cheerfully."	I baked a batch of brownies for dessert.	Would you rather have a batch of cookies or brownies?
Chatter	To talk nonstop.	"They chattered so loudly that Maria didn't know how to interrupt."	Lesley and Faith chattered on the playground.	Chatter with the person next to you.
Cheerfully	To do something happily.	"Well it looks like we all have to cook up another batch of tamales." Rosa said cheerfully."	My friend and I danced cheerfully at her birthday party.	Everyone let's clap cheerfully.

BOOK Pinkalicious and the Pink Drink

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Shade	Covered away from sun.	"I was blowing bubbles in the shade."	It was hot outside so we set in the shade.	Put your hands over your eyes like you are giving them shade from the sun.
Pitcher	A container that holds drinks in it.	"Mommy got out the pitcher and the sugar and the lemons."	I made a pitcher of ice tea for my family.	Pretend that you are pouring lemonade out of a pitcher.
Stir	To mix things together.	"I squeezed the lemons. I stirred it all together."	Jamie stirred the batter for her chocolate cake before she put it in the pan.	Pretend you're stirring a batch of lemonade.
Giant	Huge or really big.	"That made me think of the gant bubblegum machine at the toy store."	The moose was really giant up close.	Can you think of something that is giant?

BOOK Tulsa Girl**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Beam**

To shine brightly.

"Though the fires went out and the family rejoined and the sun yet beamed so bright."

Farah's smiled beamed in her school pictures.

Point to something in the room that beams.

Allowed

When you are told if you can or can't do something.

"In this same land of the free Black boys and girls in America weren't allowed to read."

Hailey is not allowed to play outside after dark.

What is something that you are you not allowed to do in the classroom?

Courage

Bravery. When you do something even though you are scared.

"She charged ahead to the grand place of learning with her mother's courage flowing through her veins."

Riley had the courage to ride the bike without training wheels.

What is that you need courage to do?

Anticipate

Waiting for something you want to happen.

"She woke up with a smile, anticipating the school day though it hadn't been a while."

James is anticipating his summer vacation.

What do you anticipate learning this week?

BOOK A Good Trade**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES****Dawdle**

To move or walk slowly.

"Near the village square, Kato dawdles as an aid worker's truck rumbled to a halt, and he peeks aside."

Henry liked to dawdle down the hallway to his class.

Everyone let's get up and dawdle!

Cradling

Hold gently or softly.

"Between bouncy children, Kato weaves, cradling the poppy, careful not to crush it."

Travis began cradling his baby sister while he fed her her bottle.

Pretend you are cradling a little puppy.

Rushing

Trying to do something in a hurry.

"Rushing through his chores, Kato runs to the garden and stops when he spies the single white poppy."

Julie was rushing out of her house and forgot her backpack.

What is something that you shouldn't do while rushing?

Struggling

When you are having a hard time doing something.

"Struggling up the hill, Kato hauls his load, one on his head, and one in his hand, then pauses for the rest."

Paige was struggling with her homework so she asked her mom for help.

Pretend that you are struggling to pick up something heavy.

BOOK Where Are You From?

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Insist	Demand someone to do something.	"No, where are you really from? They insist.	The doctor insists that you wash your hands after a bathroom break.	What is something your teacher insists you do in the classroom?
Prowls	To move around in a sneaky way.	". . . Where the condor roosts his family and the jaguar prowls the night."	The tiger prowls until it catches its prey.	Can you name an animal that prowls?
Sorrow	Sadness.	"You're from the grandmothers who serach for their grandchildren, waiting, always waiting in a plaza, their white handkerchiefs wrapping the sorrow of their thoughts."	Judy felt sorrow when she got a bad grade on her homework.	What face do you make when you feel sorrow?
Elegant	Something really nice or fancy.	"But you're also from the warm, blue oceans the fopper warriors tried to tame and the elegant palm trees stretch their fingers to caress."	The dress was very elegant and expensive.	Can you name something elegant?

BOOK Marvelous Cornelius

WORDS CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS STORY CONTEXTS RELATABLE EXAMPLES ACTIVITIES

Flung	To throw something very hard.	"Cornelius front flipped to the curb and flung the bags over his head. . .	Victoria flung the ball to her friend on the playground.	Pretend that you flung a ball across the room.
Spotless	Very clean.	"And those spotless streets, oh, how they sparkled."	I cleaned my room spotless before I left my house.	Make sure the area around you is spotless and clean.
Salute	A way to greet someone.	"Mornin'." He saluted the silver-haired man. . .	Jenna saluted her friend as she walked through the door.	Everyone show me a salute.
Whirl	Spinning around fast.	"The old ladies whistled and whirled."	Lily whirled around on stage during her dance show	Everyone whirl around.

BOOK Where's Albert?**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES**

Cheer

To shout happily.

"The squeaky scouts cheered."

I cheered at the football game.

Can everyone give me their best cheer?

Stream

A small, narrow river.

"After a while they stopped beside a stream."

Jamie and her friends went to swim in the stream.

Have you ever seen a stream?

Groan

A low sound people make when they are unhappy.

"Wanda groaned. "You didn't pack your tent poles?"

I groan when I have to wake up early.

Can everyone groan with me?

Solved

When you find an answer to something and fix it.

"Ta-da." Albert came out. "Problem solved! Flashed can ride in my red wagon, so he doesn't have to hike."

Albert solved the problem so that flash didn't have to hike.

Have you ever solved something?

BOOK The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors**WORDS****CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS****STORY CONTEXTS****RELATABLE EXAMPLES****ACTIVITIES**

Ancient

Very old.

"Long ago in an ancient and distant realm. . ."

Dinosaurs lived in ancient times.

Can you think of anything ancient? Victorious

Depart

To leave.

"Paper departed the Empire of Mom's Home office."

When you go to the playground, you depart from the classroom.

Do you like to depart from your home and come to school?

Unsatisfied

To be unhappy with something.

"Even though he had won, Rock was still unsatisfied."

Julie was unsatisfied with her veggies at dinner.

Have you ever been unsatisfied with something?

Victorious

To be the winner of something.

"Rock versus clothespin, Rock is victorious."

When you win a game you are victorious.

Let's play rock, paper, scissors, and so who will be victorious.

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Tuck	To put in bed to sleep.	The mother bear and father bear tucked the baby bears in bed.	Kayla's mom reads her a bedtime story before she tucks her into bed.	Pretend to sleep to show when you are tucked in bed
Difference	When you see why things are not the same.	"Girl or boy, it makes no difference," said her daddy and he hugged her tight.	The decorations really made a difference in the classroom. It looked better.	Show them two objects and ask them to spot the differences.
Content	To be happy.	The baby bears were happy with their mother's answer.	playing with toys makes kids content	Ask children smile to show content.
Worry	To be bothered by something.	The third baby bear was worried about being the littlest.	older students can be worried about tests	Ask children if anything makes them worried.

WORDS **CHILD FRIENDLY DEFINITIONS** **STORY CONTEXTS** **RELATABLE EXAMPLES** **ACTIVITIES**

Crave	wanting something really bad	crickets craved small books	Sometimes I crave food or attention	What is something you have craved before?
Request	to ask for something	Molly filled their requests	I request food from a restaurant	Do you have a request that you make a lot?
Bunch	grouped together	baboons read in bunches	Look at the baboons on this page bunched up	Can you sit in a bunch?
Muck	to make something messy	baby bunnies mucked up " Goodnight Moon"	Look at the picture of the dirty book	What have you mucked up before?

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 ever shy around making new friends?

Snatch

to grab something quickly

The tree kangaroo scrambled forward to snatch it.

I snatched a sharp object from somebody who could've hurt themselves.

Snatch something from the boy or girl next to you.

Grouchy

Not in very good mood.

The pandas, of course, were still gloomy and grouchy.

I am usually a little grouchy in the morning before I have breakfast.

Make a grouchy face

Curious

Excited to learn something new

"What a curious cub," Mr. Panda declared.

I am always curious to learn more about all of you.

What are you curious to learn about today?

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