This glossary can help you find the meanings of some of the words in this book. The meanings given are the meanings of the words as they are used in the book. Sometimes a second meaning is also given.

**A**

**alone**
Without anyone or anything: Sometimes she liked to be alone in the tree house and read stories.

**attend**
To look carefully at or take care of: We try to attend to the work we are asked to do.

**attention**
A form of attend: When someone read a story to them, their attention was very good.

**behave**
To act in a certain way: We always tried to behave well when visitors were in the room.

**behavior**
A form of behave: His behavior in school was better than it was at home.

**believe**
To accept as true or real: I believe that you have the hat.

**bend**
To become curved or not straight: The tree branches bend down in the heavy snow.

**B**

**beak**
A bill, or the hard mouth parts of a bird: The baby birds opened their beaks wide, waiting for their food.
**beware**
To be careful or look out for a problem: *The sign told us to beware of falling rocks.*

**bloom**
To blossom or grow into flower: *Some plants bloom in the spring, while others are just starting to grow.*

**branch**
A part that grows out from a trunk of a tree: *All the branches of the tree had yellow leaves.*

**break**
To separate into pieces or tear apart: *We had to break the ground up with different garden tools.*

**breeze**
A light wind: *The puppy smelled smoke when she sniffed the breeze.*

**buddy**
A pal or close friend: *He became my buddy during our first summer in camp.*

**burst**
To be full to the point of breaking open: *She tried hard not to burst out laughing when she saw the silly hat.*
bursting
A form of burst: The milkweed pod was bursting with silky seeds.

chipmunk
An animal that looks similar to a squirrel but is smaller and has a striped back: Three brown chipmunks chased each other up the tree in our backyard.

choice
The act of choosing or the chance to choose: We had many choices about what to see in the city.

collar
A leather, cloth, or metal band for an animal’s neck: Both of our dogs wear red collars around their necks.

community
A group of people who live together in the same area: Our community is filled with friendly neighbors.

cousin
A child of one’s aunt or uncle: My cousin stayed with us for two days.
crown • dangerous

crown
A head covering that a queen, king, or other ruler might wear: She used paper, glue, and glitter to make a crown for her costume.

curled
A form of curl: The kitten curled up in his lap and purred happily.

curly
A form of curl: My brother’s hair is so thick and curly he can hardly comb it.

culture
The traditions, arts, and beliefs of a certain group of people: In his Native American culture, the fall harvest is a time for celebration.

curious
Eager to find out or learn about something: He was curious about many kinds of sea animals, so he loved the aquarium.

curl
To make a rounded shape: He showed us how to curl slices of carrot in cold water.

damage
To harm or injure: The flood might damage the bridge so that it must be closed for repair.

danger
The chance of harm, or something that may cause harm: We had good reasons to worry about danger deep in the dark cave.

dangerous
A form of danger: The little rabbit knew it was a dangerous place, but she hopped closer.
dark
Without light or with very little light: *With no moon, the night was dark.*

darkness
A form of *dark*: *In the darkness, he couldn’t tell what kind of animal was outside.*

decide
To make up one’s mind: *Tomorrow I will decide what to do about the party.*

deep
Located far below the surface or far from an opening: *They buried the treasure deep in the ground near a pine tree.*

deepest
A form of *deep*: *In the deepest part of the ocean, it is very dark.*

demand
To ask firmly or to require: *The teachers in that school demand hard work from their students.*

direction
The place or line along which someone or something goes: *Walk in the direction of the town.*

disgust
To cause a sick or bad feeling: *If those movies disgust you, please stop watching them.*

disgusting
A form of *disgust*: *When she sniffed at the garbage pail, it smelled disgusting.*

drift
To float along or be carried along on water or air: *Our raft will drift if we do not paddle.*
drool • flop

drool
To let saliva drip from the mouth: My baby sister drools on my arm and makes my sleeve wet.

drooled
A form of drool: He drooled when he looked at all the delicious food.

equal
To be the same as: Seven days equal one week, and twenty-four hours equal one day.

F

flash
To give out a sudden bright light: The fireworks flash in the night sky, and people cheer.

E

enormous
Huge, or very large in size: Hank was an enormous dog, almost the size of a cow.

enormous

flop
To drop or hang heavily: When I’m really tired, I flop onto the couch for a nap.
floppy
A form of flop: Some rabbits have floppy ears that droop around their face.

furious
Full of great anger, or raging; She was so furious that she threw a pillow across the room.

G

gather
To bring or come together in one place: We will gather for the meeting at noon today.

gathered
A form of gather: After the whole group gathered on stage, they began to sing.

grew
A form of grow: My dad grew a big, thick beard that almost covered his face!

grow
To get bigger, increase, or spread: That little patch of flowers is starting to grow across the whole yard.

H

hang
To be attached at the upper end: Many colorful paintings hang on the walls of the museum.

heal
To get better or become well: Most cuts heal quickly if you take care of them.

healed
A form of heal: When the deer’s leg healed, she ran as fast as ever.

height
The distance from bottom to top: The height of the mountain is about a mile above sea level.
hour • insect

**impossible**
Not possible or not able to happen: *It will be impossible to finish on time unless you start now.*

**inform**
To tell about something: *The guide *informs* people about animals on the nature trail.*

**insect**
A bug that has six legs, a body with three main parts, and, usually, wings: *She liked to watch *insects* at the pond.*

**ill**
Sick or not healthy: *They have been ill with the flu.*

**illness**
A form of *ill*: *After an illness, people may feel tired for a few days.*

**imitate**
To copy the actions, looks, or sounds of: *Little children *imitate* their parents or older children in their family.*

**imitated**
A form of *imitate*: *After I *imitated* the steps many times, I learned to do the dance.*

**impatient**
Not able or willing to wait: *She walked because she was too *impatient* to wait for the bus.*
judge
To listen or look at in order to decide about: At the fair, it was fun to judge which pie should win the first prize.

know
To understand or have the facts about: Do you know what causes thunder?

knowledge
Facts and ideas, or information: Their teacher had knowledge about many subjects, such as weather and history.

language
A system of words, expressions, signs, or symbols shared by a group of people. At our house we speak two languages: Spanish and English.

lesson
Something to be learned or taught: After a few more lessons, I’ll be able to skate like an Olympic athlete!

millions
A very large number, or more than a thousand thousands: There are millions of fish in the sea.

motion
Movement, gesture, or the act of moving: The motion of the boat on the waves made him feel sleepy.

muscle
Body tissue that helps many different parts of the body move and work: Our muscles will get stronger from all the exercise we do.
museum
A building where art or other important things are displayed, or shown: The museum he liked best had many buttons to press and things to do.

nod
To move the head down and up in a quick motion that may mean “okay”: You will be out of the game if you move before I nod my head.

nooded
A form of nod: I was glad when my father nodded to let us know we could go.

noise
A sound that may be loud or unpleasant: You could tell from the noises that there were many animals in the barn.

notice
To pay attention to or make note of: I sat in the back and hoped that nobody would notice me.

noticed
A form of notice: The first thing he noticed was how fast the clouds moved across the sky.

nursery
A room for babies or young children: He remembered playing happily in the nursery.

obey
To do what is asked: After training, the horse obeys the rider.
piano
A musical instrument with a keyboard: *She could play tunes on the piano.*

pick
Gather: *If you pick some wildflowers, I’ll put them in a vase for Aunt Mimi.*

picked
A form of pick: *We picked enough berries from our garden to make twelve pies!*

plain
Not fancy or pretty: *The plants look plain before they bloom.*

pond
A small body of water in the shape of a lake or pool: *Frogs sat at the edge of the pond.*

porch
A structure with a roof that is attached to the outside of a house: *They kept two chairs and a low table on the porch.*

pound
To hammer or hit hard again and again: *When you pound on the drum, I want to leave the room.*

pounding
A form of pound: *The pounding rain on the tent kept her from falling asleep.*

prevent
To stop or keep from happening: *You can prevent fires by being careful.*
problem
Something that is difficult to deal with or understand: The group tried to solve the problem by talking together.

quiet
Silent, calm, or with hardly any sound: The house was finally quiet after all the children were asleep.

reach
To get to or go as far as: When all the boats reach the shore, I will feel better.

real
Not imagined or made up: She wanted to have a real pet and not just a toy animal.

remember
To think of again or bring back in the mind: I remember the first word I learned to read.

remembered
A form of remember: He always remembered his grandpa’s stories.

rotten
Decayed or spoiled: Some insects eat rotten fruit that people throw away.

row
In a line or in sequence, one after another: I got an A on two tests in a row, which is a new record for me!

safe
Free from danger or harm: The mother bird saw that her babies were safe in the nest.
**safety**
A form of safe: Most playground rules were made for your safety.

**scream**
To make a long, loud, high-pitched cry: When my little sister screams, I hold my ears.

**screaming**
A form of scream: When the game got close, many people started screaming for their team to win.

**scent**
A special smell that comes from something: The scent of roses reminded her of her grandmother's yard in the spring.

**shake**
To move quickly up and down or back and forth: He sometimes will shake the toy bank to hear the coins inside.

**shape**
To give a certain form or shape to: I shape the clay to look like woodland animals.

**shaped**
A form of shape: The sign at the farm stand was large and shaped like a pumpkin.

**share**
To divide with others or take part in: Let's share this last orange.
shock · south

shock
To surprise or greatly upset: The news will **shock** you, so please sit down.

shocked
A form of **shock**: I was **shocked** when I found that the jewels were missing.

shovel
A tool with a long handle and a flattened scoop: The man is using a snow **shovel**.

silence
A form of **silent**: The **silence** in the library helps people enjoy their reading.

silent
Quiet, making or having no sound: The room was **silent**, so she thought everyone had gone.

simple
Easy, or not complicated: The **directions** on the box looked **simple**, and she followed them carefully.

smooth
Going along evenly, or without rough parts: The custard was **smooth** and made her sore throat feel better.

south
The direction to the left of a person who faces the sunset: My grandparents go **south** each winter to bask in the warm weather.
special
Different from what is common or usual: *Birthdays are special occasions.*

speech
The act of speaking, or a talk: *She practiced at home before she gave the speech in class.*

spend
To cause or allow time to pass: *We will spend the day at the beach.*

sprinkle
To scatter in drops or small pieces: *We always sprinkle salt into the water before it boils.*

sprinkled
A form of sprinkle: *The children sprinkled fish food into the goldfish bowl.*

stand
To be a certain height: *Medium-size dogs usually stand between two and three feet tall.*

station
A place where a special service is provided: *We got our tickets and waited at the train station.*

stick
To attach or to keep in one place: *We stick a stamp on each card before we mail it.*

sticky
Holding together as with glue or hard to pull apart: *After eating the honey, they licked their sticky fingers.*
stood · transportation

stood
A form of stand: Last year my sister stood three feet tall, but now she's almost four feet.

straight
Not curving, curling, or bending: My hair is straight and never gets wavy.

stuck
A form of stick: The truck got stuck in the heavy snow.

subject
Course of study: Science and social studies are his favorite subjects in school.

sudden
Happening or coming without warning: On the hike, we were caught in a sudden storm.

suddenly
A form of sudden: The birds flew away as suddenly as they had landed in the yard.

T

tease
To make fun of or try to bother: My friends used to tease me about my hair.

top
The highest or upper part: The tops of those mountains are covered in snow.

tough
Strong and not likely to break or wear out: The hiking boots were warm and tough, so he could walk outdoors in any weather.

toward
In the direction of: We walked toward the tower and watched for a light.

transportation
Means of getting from one place to another: Trains are my favorite kind of transportation.
tunnel
A passage underground or underwater: *The train passed through the tunnel to the other side of the mountain.*

**turn**
Transform; change: *When the skies turn from blue to gray, a storm is on the way.*

**turned**
A form of **turn**: *The weather turned colder as soon as the calendar said fall.*

**understand**
To get the meaning of: *I understand the meaning of a few Spanish words.*

**visit**
To go or come to see: *We will visit our friends in the city.*

**weak**
Having little or no power, strength, or energy: *The battery was so weak that our flashlight didn’t help much.*

**weaker**
A form of **weak**: *She was weaker after being sick, but then she grew stronger.*

**wear**
To have on the body: *In cold places, people wear two or three layers of clothes.*
weigh - wonderful

**weigh**
Find out the weight or heaviness of: *The doctor will weigh you on a scale before your checkup.*

**weighed**
A form of weigh: *I weighed my dog three times to make sure she was really that heavy!*

**whenever**
At whatever time: *Whenever it rains, my cat wants to come inside.*

**wind**
To move along with twists and turns: *We wind the string around the stick to bring the kite back in.*

**winding**
A form of wind: *They followed a winding path higher and higher up the mountain.*

**wonder**
A marvel or something amazing: *Their tricks on the high wire were a wonder to everyone who watched.*

**wonderful**
A form of wonder: *Their day at the beach was wonderful from beginning to end.*
woods
Forest: Rashid walked quietly through the woods, looking for birds in the trees.

wrap
To cover by winding or folding: Wrap a scarf around your neck before you go out in the cold wind.

wrinkled
A form of wrinkle: The shirt was wrinkled, so she tried to smooth it out.