

# Glossary

- ⦿ 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

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- ⦿ **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.*

## B

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- ⦿ **beak**  
A bill, or the hard mouth parts of a bird: *The baby birds opened their **beaks** wide, waiting for their food.*

- ⦿ **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.*



**beak**

## beware • burst



### 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.*



### bloom



### blooming

A form of **bloom**: *Butterflies come to the garden when that bush is **blooming**.*



### brag

To boast, or speak with too much pride: *She tries not to **brag** about winning, but she wants us to know.*



### 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.*

**bursting****busy**

To be actively at work: *The **busy** squirrel gathered nuts.*

**C****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.*



crown

### **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.*

### **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.*

## D

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### **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.*



direction

**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.*



### equal

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



### drooled

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



### 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



flash

### 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.*

height



## hour • insect

### hour

A unit of time that equals sixty minutes: *They spent many hours playing games at camp.*

## I

### 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.*

### 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.*



insect



## J

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### 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.*

## K

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### 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.*

## L

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### 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!*

## M

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### 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.*

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**N**

◀ **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.*

◀ **nodded**

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.*



noise

◀ **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**.*

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**O**

**obey**

To do what is asked: *After training, the horse **obeys** the rider.*

# P



## piano

A musical instrument with a keyboard: *She could play tunes on the piano.*



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 • safe

### problem

Something that is difficult to deal with or understand: *The group tried to solve the **problem** by talking together.*

## Q

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### quiet

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

## R

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### 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!*

## S

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### safe

Free from danger or harm: *The mother bird saw that her babies were **safe** in the nest.*



safe

**safety**

A form of **safe**: *Most playground rules were made for your **safety**.*

**scare**

To frighten or make afraid: *This dragon mask might **scare** some little children.*

**scent**

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



scent

**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.*

**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**.*



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**.*

**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

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### 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.*

**tunnel****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.*

**U****understand**

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

**V****visit**

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

**W****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.*



### winding



### 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.*

**wrapped**

A form of **wrap**: *We **wrapped** our sandwiches in foil for the picnic.*

**wrinkle**

To form small, uneven lines or creases: *This cloth will **wrinkle** after you wash it, so you need an iron.*

**wrinkled**

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

**wrapped**