

Iris and Walter

beautiful: gorgeous, lovely, attractive

country: nation, kingdom, land

friend: pal, buddy, chum

front: face, border

someone: somebody, an important person

somewhere: anywhere, someplace

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Exploring Space with an Astronaut

everywhere: all places

live: exist, to be alive

machines: engines, equipments

move: go, travel, change location

woman: female, lady

work: doing a task

world: earth, planet, globe

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Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night

bear : a large, heavy, furry animal

father: male parent, dad

straight: not bent, curved or crooked

build: erect, to make something

couldn't: could not, was unable

mother: female parent, mom

love: to like someone or something a lot

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A Walk in the Desert

Animals: living things other than plants

early: before the usual or expected time

eyes: an animal organ for seeing or sensing light

full: filled; stuffed; holding as much as possible

water: liquid found in rain, oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds

warm: somewhat hot; not cold

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The Strongest One

gone: left, used up, no more

learn: study, find out, understand

often: a lot; over and over again

pieces: parts, bits, chunks

though: even if, however

together: at the same time; with each other

very: especially, extremely; really

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Tara and Tiree

family: close relatives

once: right now (at once)

pull: drag; tug

listen: pay attention

heard: listened to, paid attention to

break: crack; split

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Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat

certainly: absolutely; definitely; surely

either likewise; one or the other

great wonderful; fantastic; terrific

laugh: chuckle; giggle

second: next; following

worst: most terrible; most awful

you're: you are (contraction)

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Turtle's Race with Beaver

above: on top of, over, higher than

ago: before, in the past

enough: plenty

toward: on the way to, headed for

whole: entire, complete, total

word: a group of letters or sounds that have meaning

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The Bremen Town Musicians

bought: paid money for; purchased

people: persons; folks

pleasant: nice; enjoyable

probably: possibly; most likely

scared: afraid; frightened

shall : should

sign: marker for roads, towns and cities

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A Turkey for Thanksgiving

behind: following; in back of

brought: carried; took; past tense of bring

door: entrance; exit; gate

everybody: each person; everyone

minute: moment

promise: agree; pledge; give your word

sorry: sad; regretful; apologetic

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Pearl and Wagner

guess: estimate; suppose; to think

pretty: beautiful; nice-looking; cute

science: things in nature and the universe

shoe: footwear

village: town; small community

watch: look at; observe

won: came in first; defeated; succeeded

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Dear Juno

faraway: distant; far

parents: mother and father

picture: a photograph; image; portrait

company: companionship; friendship

school: a place for teaching and learning

answer: a response; reply

wash: to clean or rinse; get rid of dirt

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Anansi Goes Fishing

caught: past tense of catch; trapped; hooked

tomorrow: the day after today

been: took place, happened

finally: at last; after all

today: now; this day; at this moment

whatever: what; anything

believe: think to be true; judge; suppose

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Rosa and Blanca

their: belonging to them

many: a lot of, several

alone: only; on your own; without help

buy: pay money for; get; purchase

half: partly; one of two equal pieces

youngest: opposite of oldest

daughters: female children

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A Weed is a Flower

questions: asks; quizzes; examines

hours: units of time (sixty minutes)

neighbors: people who live next door or nearby

clothes: outfit; clothing; dress

money: cash; funds; earnings; dollars

only: simply; barely; no more than

taught: coached; trained; instructed

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The Quilt

quilt: comforter; cover

pretended: made believe; imagined

trunks: chests; crates; cases; boxes

blankets: bedspread; cover

wrapped: covered

stuffing: filling; padding

unpacked: emptied out; unloaded

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Life Cycle of a Pumpkin

fruit: plant part that has the seeds and is

good to eat

vine: a plant with a long, thin stem and

grows along the ground

smooth: even, flat, without bumps

bumpy: rough, uneven

soil: earth, dirt, top part of the ground

root: plant part growing underground

harvest: to gather a crop when it is ripe

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Frogs

pond: a body of water surrounded by land

skin: the outer covering of the body

wonderful: fantastic; amazing; breathtaking

shed: to lose or drop, as in hair or skin

insects: small animals with no backbone; bugs

crawls: creeps; moves very slowly

powerful: having great power; strong; mighty

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I Like Where I Am

trouble: problem; difficulty; worry; dilemma

fair: just; reasonable; according to rules

giant: huge; massive; oversized or gigantic

strong: physically powerful; muscular

block: an area with four streets around it

chuckle: laugh quietly to yourself; giggle

tears: salty liquid coming from the eyes

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Helen Keller and the Big Storm

angry: mad; annoyed; cross

special: unusual; out of the ordinary

pressing: pushing on something

fingers: five parts at the end of the hand

branches: part of a tree growing from the trunk

picnic: a trip where food is eaten outside

clung: hung on; gripped; held on; clutched

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Firefighter

station: a place or building used by a business

tightly: firmly; strongly; fitting closely

burning: on fire; blazing

building: something for people to live or work in

masks: protective covering for the face

roar: a loud, deep sound

quickly: a short time

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One Dark Night

storm: strong wind with heavy rain or snow

lightning: a flash of light in the sky during a storm

flashes: produces a burst of light

thunder: a loud, rumbling sound after lightning

rolling: the deep, loud sound of thunder

pounds: repeatedly hits something hard

pours: lots of heavy rain comes down

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Bad Dog, Dodger

practice: training; exercise; preparation

grabbed: gripped; grasped; took hold of

chewing: gnawing; chomping

chased: ran after

treat: reward for being good

wagged: shook; wiggled; waved to and fro

dripping: dribbling; dropping

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Horace and Morris, but Mostly Dolores

adventure: an exciting or unusual experience

climbed: moved upward (as in mountain, ladder, etc.)

greatest: the best; most important

truest: most loyal or faithful

wondered: wanted to know; was curious about

clubhouse: a building used for special group meetings

exploring: looking around and examining; investigating

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The Signmaker's Assistant

blame: hold responsible; accuse of something

important: valuable; of great meaning or worth

afternoon: the part of the day between noon and night

signmaker: one who creates boards with information

ideas: thoughts or pictures in the mind

townspeople: those who live in a village or town

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Just Like Josh Gibson

threw: tossed; pitched

sailed: cruised; glided; floated; flew

field: turf; sports ground; grassy area

plate: a marker for bases in a baseball game

bases: the four corners of a baseball diamond

cheers: shouts of happiness or encouragement

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Red, White, and Blue: The Story of the American Flag

America: United States or USA

nicknames: pet names or shortened names

birthday: anniversary of the day one is born

stars: bright points of light in the night sky

flag: banner, pennant

stripes: bands, streaks, strips

freedom: liberty, independence

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A Birthday Basket for Tia

aunt: the sister of your mom or dad

present: a gift; something given

bank: a place for keeping money

basket: a woven container

favorite: liked best; most wanted

collects: gathers together

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Cowboys

cattle: cows

cowboys: men who work on a cattle ranch

trails: paths through wilderness areas

herd: a group of cattle that live together

campfire: an outdoor fire for warmth or cooking

galloped: ran the fastest that a horse can go

railroad: the metal tracks used by trains

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Jingle Dancer

drum: a musical instrument that you beat

jingles: silver, cone-shaped dress ornaments

silver: a shiny metal used in coins and jewelry

clattering: a rattling noise

borrow: to have the loan of; opposite of lend

voice: the sound of speech or singing

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