

Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.

Vocabulary Dictionary

Directions: Choose the words you would like students to spell from the list. Have them consult the dictionary to check their spelling.

A

adobe: clay or mud bricks baked in the sun (10: *Lorenzo's Llama*)

acid: something that can be harmful or poisonous (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

advice: an idea or suggestion given to help someone with a problem (19a: *The Crowded House*)

aisle: a walking space between two areas (1f: *Wendel Wandered*)

alder: a tree or shrub that grows in cool, wet places (7: *Turtle's Pond*)

amazing: surprising or wonderful (13c: *Amazing Tails*)

Andes Mountains: a long, high mountain range in South America (10: *Lorenzo's Llama*)

anvil: one of three small bones that help sound travel from the eardrum (1d: *Sound*)

apartment: a building with room for more than one family or person, or a set of rooms in that building (29: *Elephant Upstairs*)

apatosaurus: a very large dinosaur (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

arch: the curved part of the foot between the heel and the toes (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

architect: a person who designs buildings (7d: *What Will Sara Be?*)

armadillo: an animal with a bony shell (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

aspen: a tall, thin tree with white bark and leaves that flutter (19: *Little Tree*)

asphalt: a tar and gravel mixture used to pave roads (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

astronaut: a space explorer (7d: *What Will Sara Be?*)

B

backbone: a long row of bones found in the backs of people and many animals (23: *Discovering Dinosaurs*)

badger: a furry, digging animal related to the weasel (6: *Snake Weaves a Rug*)

baggage: suitcases, trunks, or bags for travel (1f: *Wendel Wandered*)

bamboo: a fast-growing plant with a strong, hollow stem (25a: *Duc Tho Le's Birthday Present*; 9: *The Story Cloth*)

bamboo shoots: small, new growth on a bamboo plant (9: *The Story Cloth*)

banks: the ground along the edge of a river or lake (7: *Turtle's Pond*)

bark: the outside covering of a tree (13a: *Sequoyah's Talking Leaves*)

bases: the four corners of a baseball diamond (28: *Pencil Magic*)

basil: a plant used for flavor in cooking (21: *The Pizza Book*)

basking: lying in sunlight and enjoying the warmth (1b: *The Mighty Sparrow*)

bass: a musical instrument, usually with strings, that plays low notes (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

batter: to hit over and over again (18: *Why Wind and Water Fight*)

bleat: the small cry of an animal (1i: *White-Tailed Deer*)

blind: unable to see (25: *The Courage to Learn*)

bluffs: high, steep cliffs next to a river or ocean (1h: *Darren's Work*)

boa constrictor: a large snake that squeezes its prey (11: *The Sweater*; 25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

boasted: bragged (5: *The Snow Lion*)

bobbles: small, wooly decorations (10: *Lorenzo's Llama*)

bogs: wet, swampy places (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

boll: on a cotton plant, the seedpod that has the soft cotton inside (30: *Reaching Above*)

book wagon: a travelling library (30: *Reaching Above*)

braille: raised dots on paper that blind people use to read (25: *The Courage to Learn*)

bulging: swelling or poking out (25b: *Mr. Croaky Toad*)

burglar: a robber who breaks into a house (3: *Bandage Bandit*)

burner: the part of a stove that gets hot (1j: *Water*)

burrowed: dug a hole (7: *Turtle's Pond*; 19: *Little Tree*)

C

canopy: the high, treetop part of a rain forest (24: *Macaw's Chorus*)

ceiling: the top of a room (29: *Elephant Upstairs*)

chameleon: a lizard that can change the color of its skin (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

Cherokee: a Native American tribe (13a: *Sequoyah's Talking Leaves*)

chiefs: leaders of Native Americans tribe (13a: *Sequoyah's Talking Leaves*)

China: a large country in Asia (5: *The Snow Lion*; 15: *The Talking Lizard*)

checkers: a game two people play using a board with squares (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

chorus: a group that sings together (24: *Macaw's Chorus*)

chute: a slide for moving things (1f: *Wendel Wandered*)

chuyo: a knitted wool hat with earflaps (10: *Lorenzo's Llama*)

clan: a large family (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

cliffs: high, steep rocks that drop off on one side (23: *Discovering Dinosaurs*)

coasters: small cloths or trays used under drinks to protect a table (25c: *Treasures from the Loom*)

coils: something that winds around and around (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

cold-blooded: having blood that is cooled or warmed

by outside temperature (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

contentment: a happy, satisfied feeling (18: *Why Wind and Water Fight*)

cream puffs: puffy pastries with cream filling (16: *The Weather on Blackberry Lane*)

crystal clear: very clean; pure and see-through (27: *How Rivers Began*)

curbs: cement edges along sidewalks or roads (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

D

dagger: a sharp knife used as a weapon (8: *Great White Bird*)

dainty: fine and pretty (1: *Bad News Shoes*)

dance a square: dance with a group of people, usually western style (19c: *"Movin' to the Music" Time*)

dawn: the first part of morning when the sun starts to come up (19a: *The Crowded House*)

deaf: unable to hear (12: *Noise? What Noise?*; 25: *The Courage to Learn*)

dense: crowded and close together (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

do-si-do: a dance step where partners circle around one another (19c: *"Movin' to the Music" Time*)

doe: a female deer (1i: *White-Tailed Deer*)

doodles: scribbles drawn without thinking (28: *Pencil Magic*)

drifted: moved without thinking or caring (25: *The Courage to Learn*)

drowsed: slept lightly; dosed (19: *Little Tree*)

dusk: the dim part of evening just before dark (24: *Macaw's Chorus*)

dyes: something used to color cloth (25c: *Treasures from the Loom*)

E

eardrum: a thin, tight skin inside the ear that quivers when sound waves strike it (1d: *Sound*)

egret: a long-necked water bird (8: *Great White Bird*)

English muffins: flat, round bread that can be toasted (21: *The Pizza Book*)

explosion: a sudden burst of energy (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

F

face of the earth: another name for surface of the earth (27: *How Rivers Began*)

ferns: plants with feathery leaves that grow in shady or wet places (19: *Little Tree*)

fever: a high body temperature that sometimes comes with sickness (25: *The Courage to Learn*)

fiddle: another name for a violin; a musical instrument (19c: "Movin' to the Music" Time)

fireweed: a plant that is usually first to grow after a fire (19: *Little Tree*)

flock: a group of birds that travel together (30: *Reaching Above*)

flyswatter: an object used to hit insects (13c: *Amazing Tails*)

foam: lots of little bubbles (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

forest ranger: a person who helps take care of the forest (7d: *What Will Sara Be?*)

fossil: the hardened print of a plant or animal that lived long ago (23: *Discovering Dinosaurs*)

frame: sticks, boards, or other materials that surround or hold something up (6: *Snake Weaves a Rug*)

France: a country in Europe (30: *Reaching Above*)

French: the language spoken in France (30: *Reaching Above*)

G

gecko: a small lizard (15: *The Talking Lizard*)

Gila monster: a large, poisonous lizard (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

gleam: to shine brightly (8: *Great White Bird*)

gnats: small, flying insects (25b: *Mr. Croaky Toad*)

gravity: a pulling force that keeps things on Earth (30: *Reaching Above*)

grazed: fed on grass (10: *Lorenzo's Llama*)

Greece: a country in Europe (21: *The Pizza Book*)

greedy: wanting more than one needs (2: *I Met a Monster*)

H

hail: small, round pieces of ice that may fall during storms (12: *Noise? What Noise?*)

halo: a ring of light (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

hammer: one of three small bones that help sound travel from the eardrum (1d: *Sound*)

harvest: to pick or gather ripe fruits, vegetables, and grains (1c: *The Four Seasons*)

hoarse: having a harsh or weak voice, often because of a sore throat (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

home plate: in baseball, the base where the batter stands, a runner must cross home plate to score (28: *Pencil Magic*)

herpetologist: someone who studies reptiles and amphibians (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

hibernate: to sleep through winter (17: *Winter Snoozers*)

hibernating: sleeping through the winter (25b: *Mr. Croaky Toad*)

honors: special mention for excellent work (25: *The Courage to Learn*)

humbly: not proud or bragging (5: *The Snow Lion*)

I

iceberg: a large piece of floating ice (1j: *Water*)

ichthyosaur: a fish-like dinosaur that lived in the water (23: *Discovering Dinosaurs*)

inner ear: the part of the ear inside the head (1d: *Sound*)

insectivore: an animal or plant that eats insects (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

intermission: a rest break during a program (7d: *What Will Sara Be?*)

Italy: a country in Europe (21: *The Pizza Book*)

J

jamboree: a noisy party (24: *Macaw's Chorus*)

Jupiter: the largest planet in the solar system (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

K

kapok tree: a large tree that grows in a rain forest (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

keen: sharp or quick of hearing, seeing, or thinking (8: *Great White Bird*)

kerchief: a cloth worn on the head or neck (19a: *The Crowded House*)

kettle drum: a drum shaped like a big bowl (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

kin: relatives, family (17: *Winter Snoozers*)

knit: to loop yarn together using needles (11: *The Sweater*)

knitting needle: a large needle, used in pairs to loop yarn for cloth (2: *I Met a Monster*)

konnichiwa: "good day" in Japanese (7b: *Today I Write a Letter*)

Kuskokwim: a river in Alaska (1h: *Darren's Work*)

L

Laos: a country in southeast Asia (9: *The Story Cloth*)

leaf hopper: a small jumping insect that lives on plant juices (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

leopard: a large, spotted member of the cat family (7c: *Drawing*)

license: a paper giving permission to do something like drive or fly (30: *Reaching Above*)

llamas: camel-like animals that come from South America (10: *Lorenzo's Llama*)

loom: a machine for weaving thread and yarn into cloth (6: *Snake Weaves a Rug*)

loon: a duck-like water bird with a pointed bill (1h: *Darren's Work*)

M

mackerel sky: a wavy cloud pattern that looks like the scales on the mackerel fish (16: *The Weather on Blackberry Lane*)

Mars: the fourth planet from the sun (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

mahogany: a tropical tree with hard, reddish-brown wood (24: *Macaw's Chorus*)

mangos: reddish-yellow fruits that grow on trees in warm places (1c: *The Four Seasons*)

marigold: a bright yellow or orange flower (25b: *Mr. Croaky Toad*)

marsh: wet, soft land (1h: *Darren's Work*)

mata: "until next time" in Japanese (7b: *Today I Write a Letter*)

Mayan: a group of people who lived long ago in Central America (22: *The Piñata Book*)

meadow: a piece of open, grassy land (19: *Little Tree*)

meandering: wandering slowly (18: *Why Wind and Water Fight*)

melody: musical notes that make up a tune (24: *Macaw's Chorus*)

mends: fixes something broken (1h: *Darren's Work*)

Mercury: the planet closest to the sun (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

messenger: one who delivers messages or runs errands (27: *How Rivers Began*)

mischievous: a playful action that may cause harm or trouble (16: *The Weather on Blackberry Lane*)

mission: a church where a group of people work (22: *The Piñata Book*)

mist: tiny drops in the air; fog (1j: *Water*)

murky: dark or gloomy (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*; 25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

N

nectar: the sweet liquid in flowers (26: *The Bee's Secret*)

needles: sharp, pointed leaves of pine or spruce trees (19: *Little Tree*)

Neptune: the eighth planet from the sun (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

New Mexico: a large state in the southwestern United States (25c: *Treasures from the Loom*)

noble: having greatness and respect (5: *The Snow Lion*)

nourished: gave the food needed for life (19: *Little Tree*)

nuzzles: touches with the nose (1i: *White-Tailed Deer*)

O

Oklahoma: a state in the midwestern United States (30: *Reaching Above*)

orbiting: moving around the sun or around a planet (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

overflowed: ran over from being too full (18: *Why Wind and Water Fight*)

oxygen: a gas in the air needed by living things (17: *Winter Snoozers*)

P

paddle: a flat blade used to push things through the water (13c: *Amazing Tails*)

padres: the Spanish word for “fathers” or “priests” (22: *The Piñata Book*)

panpipe: a musical instrument played by blowing into hollow reeds (10: *Lorenzo's Llama*)

pansies: low-growing plants with colorful, face-like flowers (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

papier-mâché: a paper and glue mixture that hardens when dry (22: *The Piñata Book*)

pavement: the hard covering on a road or sidewalk (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

peat moss: soil and moss used for planting (25b: *Mr. Croaky Toad*)

petal: one of the smooth, leaf-like parts of a flower (26: *The Bee's Secret*)

petunia(s): a low-growing plant with trumpet-shaped flowers (25b: *Mr. Croaky Toad*; 25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

pinecones: the parts of an evergreen that hold its leaves (19: *Little Tree*)

pitás: round, flat bread with pockets for filling with food (21: *The Pizza Book*)

planet: a large, round object that moves around the sun (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

plesiosaur: a dinosaur that lived in the water (23: *Discovering Dinosaurs*)

Pluto: the smallest planet in the solar system (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

poisonous: harmful to breathe, taste, or touch (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

poisonous: having venom; having a bite that can kill or make other animals sick (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

pollen: the yellow powder in flowers (26: *The Bee's Secret*)

pouch: the pocket of skin that kangaroos use to carry their babies (7c: *Drawing*)

precious: very important (27: *How Rivers Began*)

prejudice: hatred or unfair treatment of people (30: *Reaching Above*)

propellers: spinning blades that move airplanes (13c: *Amazing Tails*)

pterosaur: a featherless dinosaur that flew (23: *Discovering Dinosaurs*)

Q

quilt: a covering for a bed (4: *Rocks in My Socks*)

quivers: shakes or trembles (26: *The Bee's Secret*)

R

rafter: a beam or piece of wood used to hold up a roof (22: *The Piñata Book*)

reflect: to throw or give back light, heat, or sound (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

relief: a good feeling when something unpleasant ends (19a: *The Crowded House*)

relieved: happy when trouble or worry ends (1f: *Wendel Wandered*)

reptile: a cold-blooded animal with scales, such as a snake or lizard (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

rice cakes: little cakes made from rice (25a: *Duc Tho Le's Birthday Present*)

rice paper: a thin paper made from rice straw (5: *The Snow Lion*)

roomy: having plenty of space to move around (19a: *The Crowded House*)

S

salmon: a large, tasty fish (1h: *Darren's Work*)

salt grass: a grass that grows near water (8: *Great White Bird*)

sap: sticky liquid in trees and other plants (19: *Little Tree*)

Saturn: a large planet with rings around it (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

saxophone: a curved musical instrument played by blowing into a mouthpiece (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

scan: to look carefully (8: *Great White Bird*)

scowled: looked angry (1f: *Wendel Wandered*)

scrawny: very thin or small (18: *Why Wind and Water Fight*)

sculptor: a person who creates statues (7d: *What Will Sara Be?*)

seedlings: young plants grown from seeds (19: *Little Tree*)

shore: land at the very edge of an ocean, river, or lake (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

shrill: sounding high and sharp (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

shuttle: a tool that carries the thread in weaving (25c: *Treasures from the Loom*)

signed: moved hands and fingers to talk (12: *Noise? What Noise?*)

silversmith: a worker who makes things from silver (13a: *Sequoyah's Talking Leaves*)

skittered: skipped lightly or quickly across a surface (18: *Why Wind and Water Fight*)

skyscraper: a very tall building (7d: *What Will Sara Be?*)

sleek: smooth and shiny (1: *Bad News Shoes*)

smothers: covers in a way that cuts off air and light (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

solar system: the sun with all of the planets, moons, comets, and asteroids moving around it (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

spattered: splashed with drops (19: *Little Tree*)

spray: small drops of water (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

sprinkler: a tool that waters gardens and grass (16: *The Weather on Blackberry Lane*)

steer: to control the direction of movement (13c: *Amazing Tails*)

stereo: a radio, tape player, or CD player that uses a set of speakers (2: *I Met a Monster*)

stirrup: one of three small bones that help sound travel from the eardrum (1d: *Sound*)

Stone Age: a time long ago when people used tools and weapons made from stone (21: *The Pizza Book*)

stout: strong and sturdy (1: *Bad News Shoes*)

streaked: moved very fast (19: *Little Tree*)

support: made to hold things up (1: *Bad News Shoes*)

surf: splashing waves along the seashore (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

swallows: small, fast-flying birds (1h: *Darren's Work*)

swamp: a low, wet area of land (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

swimming trunks: a man's swimming suit (7c: *Drawing*)

T

table runners: long, narrow strips of cloth used to decorate tables (25c: *Treasures from the Loom*)

teeter-totter: a ride where children sit on a plank and go up and down; a see-saw (29: *Elephant Upstairs*)

Thailand: a country in southeast Asia (9: *The Story Cloth*)

thick-soled: shoes that are big and heavy on the bottom (1: *Bad News Shoes*)

tide: the rise and fall of the ocean, caused by the pull of the moon and sun on the earth (19b: *My Reptile Hospital*)

tilted: tipped or leaning (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

tradition: a practice handed down from the past (25c: *Treasures from the Loom*)

trombone: a musical instrument with curved tubes that slide (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

tundra: cold, flat northern land with no trees (1h: *Darren's Work*)

twilight: the time just after sunset when the sky is still light (16: *The Weather on Blackberry Lane*)

U

Uranus: the seventh planet from the sun (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

V

valleys: the low areas between mountains (27: *How Rivers Began*)

velvet: thick, soft cloth (1: *Bad News Shoes*)

Venus: the second planet from the sun (20: *All on the Same Earth*)

Venus's flytrap: a plant that eats insects (1e: *Poetry*

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veterinarian: an animal doctor (7d: *What Will Sara Be?*)

vibration: a rapid quivering or shaking (1d: *Sound*)

Vietnam: a country in Asia (25a: *Duc Tho Le's Birthday Present*)

voles: wild mice (1h: *Darren's Work*)

W

weaver(s): a person who makes cloth or rugs (13: *The Story of Tong and Mai Nhia*; 25c: *Treasures from the Loom*)

wheelies: the trick of balancing on the back tire while riding a bicycle (25d: *Poetry Book 2*)

whimpered: cried softly (1f: *Wendel Wandered*)

whitecaps: the white, foamy tops of waves (18: *Why Wind and Water Fight*)

wilt: to become limp (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

windowpane: a sheet of glass in a window (1j: *Water*)

woodmites: insects that dig into the bark of trees (19: *Little Tree*)

woodpecker: a bird that pecks holes in trees as it looks for insects to eat (19: *Little Tree*)

worrisome: causing trouble (1e: *Poetry Book 1*)

wound: moved in a curving line or path (27: *How Rivers Began*)

wisp: a small bit or piece, usually of something soft (1h: *Darren's Work*)

Wright brothers: Wilber and Orville Wright, the brothers who made and flew the first airplane in 1903 (30: *Reaching Above*)

Y

ya ateeh: Navajo way of saying "hello" (6: *Snake Weaves a Rug*)