



Write-in Reader Book 4

Laughter at the Lodge

Find the fun in
phonograms such
as ew, ui, ough, ck,
ea, kn, gn, ng, dge,
au and aw!



 Pine Hollow 

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Berries and Fun

The sunny windy days of spring warmed to the soft mild breezes of summer. The critters had many picnics and adventures. On one of these warm sunny days, Bristle and the three raccoons were exploring. They wanted to spend a day out in nature.



Bristle, Bandit, Buster, and Swindle scurried through the forest. They chased each other from behind bushes and around rocks.

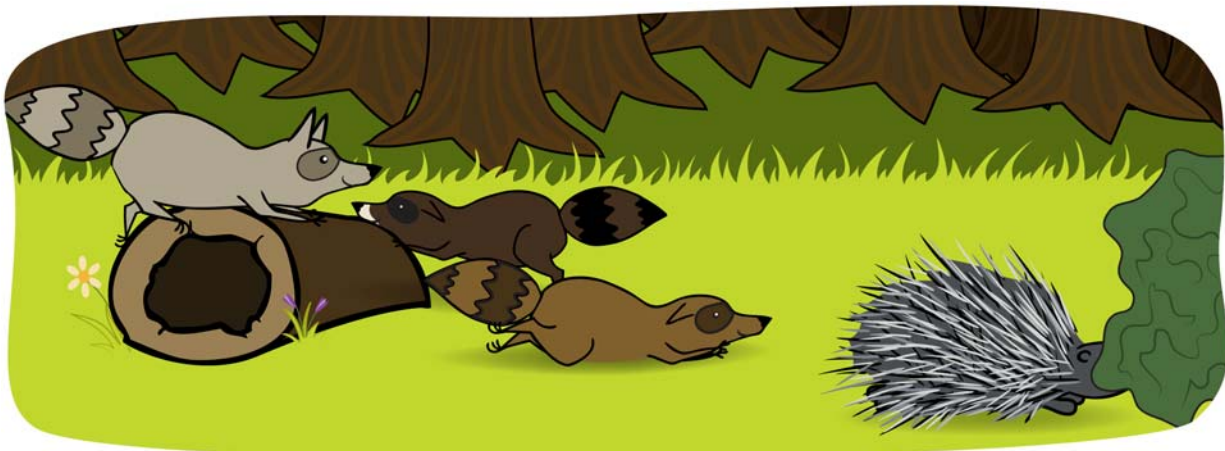
The summer was Bristle's favorite season. It was his first summer in Pine Hollow. During his first winter in Pine Hollow, all Bristle could think about was summer warmth and summer berries. He was ready for summer fun!

The critters were far from Pine Hollow. They stopped to take a rest near a large hollow log. They were tired.

"This has been fun," Buster said. He stretched out on the warm grass.

"What should we do next?" Swindle asked.

Bristle thought for a moment. "I'm hungry," he said. He waddled toward some nearby bushes. He carefully looked at the bush. It was a berry bush but many of the berries had been eaten. Bristle poked his head into one of the bushes. He sniffed and pulled at some of the branches. He couldn't find any berries.



"Are you searching for berries?" Bandit asked. "I'll help! Come on, Buster and Swindle, we have to find some!"

The three raccoons rushed to help Bristle. They pulled and yanked on the branches of the bush. The bush shook and wiggled all over throwing leaves to the ground. The critters were so busy looking for berries they didn't see anything else!



"Hey, you critters," a loud voice spoke.

"They're thieves!" another loud voice yelled.

"I wonder where they came from?" a third voice said.

The surprised critters turned to face the three angry voices. Three dark critters with white stripes and angry purple eyes stared at them. They were skunks!

"You've stolen the berries!" the blackest of the three skunks said.

"Who are you?" Bristle asked.



"My name's Inky," the blackest skunk said. Inky pointed to the gray skunk. "This is Sooty." He pointed to a white-faced skunk at the end. "And that is Smudge. We're brothers and this is our berry bush!" Inky exclaimed.

"You raccoons are thieves!" Sooty said.



"Berry bushes are for everyone," Bristle said. He was upset.

The raccoons didn't say a word. They knew how the skunks felt. Buster, Bandit, and Swindle used to think they didn't have to share with others. Tatty helped them learn to share.

Swindle was about to speak but Bristle spoke first. "That bush is empty," Bristle said and pointed at the bare berry bush.

"It's our berry bush so it is our rules!" Smudge said.

"We didn't take anything," Swindle said. "Not a single berry."

"Someone had eaten all of them already," Bandit said. Buster's stomach growled. He was hungry still.



"Hear that?" Inky yelled. "They did take our berries!"



"That's the sound of a full belly!" Smudge exclaimed.

"You will be punished for this!" Sooty said.

Inky, Sooty, and Smudge nodded, hissed and raised their tails. The critters didn't know what to do. The skunks looked scary and very angry!

Bristle, Bandit, Buster, and Swindle were scared but they couldn't run away. These skunks were not sharing. Then it happened! The skunks sprayed the four critters! The most terrible, awful smell in the whole world covered the shocked critters.

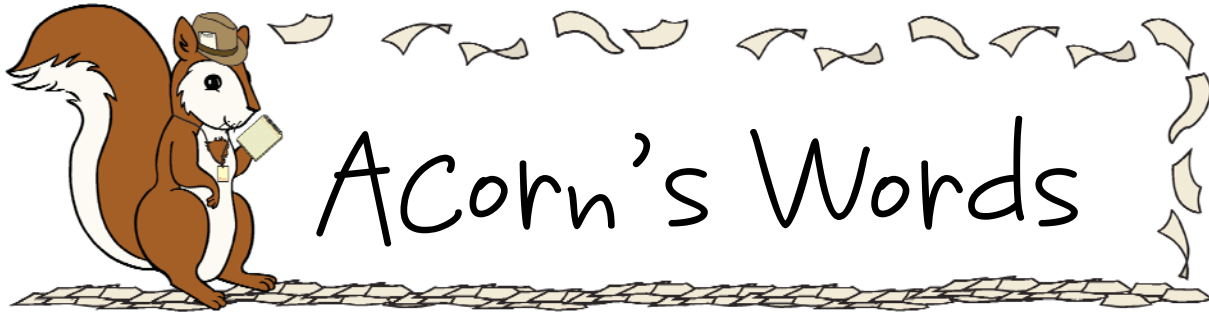
What did the critters do to make the skunks so angry?



Who Said That?

Read the sentences below. Each one was said by one of the critters in today's story. Write the name of the critter on the line below.

1. "Who are you?" ... _____
2. "We're brothers and this is our berry bush!" ... _____
3. "You raccoons are thieves!" ... _____
4. "It's our berry bush so it is our rules!" ... _____
5. "What should we do next?" ... _____
6. "This has been fun," ... _____



Sound It Out

Sound out the letters to read these words that show the different rules for dividing syllables below. Some of these words will be in your reading this week.

letter
yellow
cactus
penny
hotel

beaver
dentist
silent
hungry
locate

stomach
moment
season
shallow
yellow

kitten
student
private
market
pillow



metal
pedal
cabin
statue
river

anchor
spider
motion
butter
cider

monkey
smaller
mother
pocket
present

perfume
student
master
balloon
narrow

prison
furnace
thunder
bacon
heavy



locate
nature
lemon
motor
turtle

flower
ribbon
funny
travel
captain

music
lizard
shovel
wagon
soften

Divide the Words Below.

Divide the words below into syllables. Add a hyphen, a short line, between the syllables in the words below. Here is an example: p i c - t u r e. All the words below are divided using the *winter willow rule* shown below.

Winter Willow Rule #5 If a word has two or more consonants that come between two vowels, divide the word between the first two consonants in that group.

1. c a r p e t
2. p e r f u m e
3. f l u f f y
4. t u r k e y



Secret Spelling Words

Sound out the letters to read the spelling words below.

present odor perfume season brother
 statue bacon stomach ribbon smaller

Vocabulary Words

Sound out the letters to read these vocabulary words below. You will practice reading and using these words all week.

drench ooze beware odor snarl
 snicker glob awful snort bare

Write It Correctly.

Write the name of the word pictured. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

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Bristle & the Raccoons Take a Bath

"It's Bristle, Bandit, Buster, and Swindle!" Acorn yelled.

"Look at their green faces," Tatty said. "They look sick!"

"Why do they smell so bad?" Dash plugged his nose.

"I don't smell anything," Scoot said.



Bristle, Buster, Bandit, and Swindle jumped into the water. They splashed and tossed water all over themselves. Acorn, Tatty, Button Bunny, Dash, and Scoot ran toward the wet and splashing critters.



Doctor Derby rushed out of his burrow with several bars of soap. He knew what a critter smelled like when they were sprayed by a skunk. He didn't mistake that smell.

"How did you critters, get sprayed by a skunk?" Doctor Derby asked.

"A skunk did this to you critters?" Acorn asked.

Bristle snorted. "There were three skunks!" he barked.

"Yes," Swindle sighed. "Those skunks were mean."

"They said we stole from them," Buster said. He remembered the skunks' angry glowing purple eyes.



"Did you?" Tatty asked.



"We didn't steal anything!" Bandit exclaimed.

"So they just sprayed you for *not* stealing their berries?" Doctor Derby asked.

"They were sure we stole their sour berries!" Bristle said and frowned. "I wouldn't eat those skunks' berries. Yuck!" Bristle said and stuck out his tongue.

"You critters need to get that terrible skunk smell off of you!" Tatty said.

"Yes," Doctor Derby said. "Take these bars of soap," Doctor Derby said and plugged his nose. He passed the soap to his friends.



"You want us to take a bath?" Bandit asked. "Right now?"



Doctor Derby, Acorn, Tatty, Button Bunny, Dash, and Scoot nodded. Scoot still didn't smell the terrible skunk odor. He just knew it would be very funny to watch Bristle scrub himself with soap. Scoot chuckled. The soap would get stuck in Bristle's quills.

"Hurry," Button Bunny said. "The smell is getting worse!" She waved her paw in front of her nose.

"You critters cannot return to Pine Hollow until you get rid of that skunk smell!" Tatty said and plugged her nose.

Button Bunny nodded. "We will leave you stinky critters to get cleaned up."



"I have patients to visit," Doctor Derby said. He hurried home to his burrow for his doctor's bag and dashed away from the awful smelling critters. He dove into a bush and quickly disappeared into the woods.



Acorn, Dash, and Scoot watched the skunk-smelling critters wash with Doctor Derby's soap. They rubbed and scrubbed. The raccoons splashed water onto each other.



Bristle tried to wash in the shallow water. He rubbed the soap onto his back. He scrubbed it all over. As Bristle washed, little bits of soap stuck onto his quills. Bristle had trouble using the soap. It didn't work!

Bristle had chunks of soap all over. Bristle looked like he had rolled in a field of marshmallows. He was a prickly, soapy, marshmallow porcupine.

Will the soapy bath get rid of the terrible skunk smell?



Which Picture Came First?

Look at each pair of pictures and put an X on the line next to the letter above the picture that came first.

1. a ____



b ____

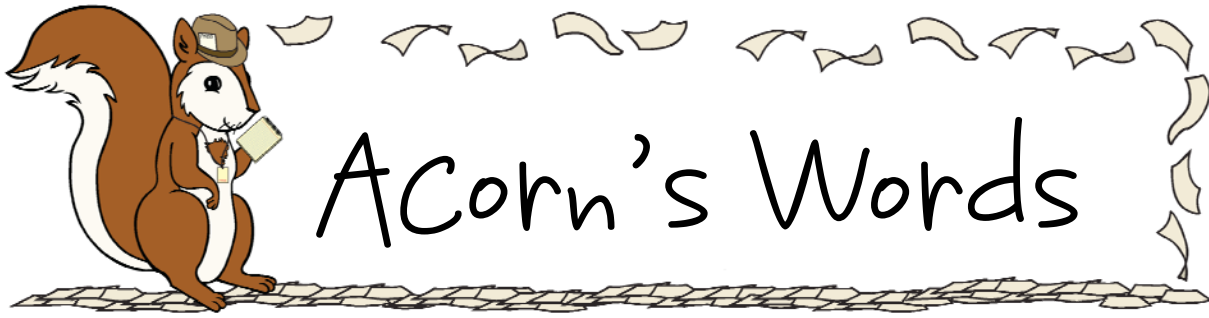


2. a ____



b ____





Which Rule?

Look at the pictures and match the pictures to their rule.
Write the letter on the line beside each rule number.

1. Rule #6 ____
When a word has a consonant, consonant blend, or consonant phonogram between vowels that make a short sound, divide the word after the consonant.

A.



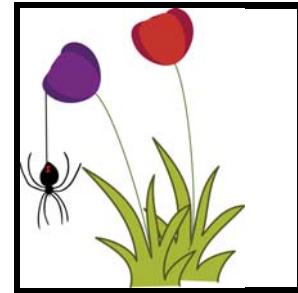
2. Rule #3 ____
If a word has a suffix that also makes a vowel sound, divide the word between the *root* word and the suffix.

B.



3. Rule #5 ____
If a word has two or more consonants that come between two vowels, divide the word between the first two consonants in that group.

C.



4. Rule #4 ____
If a word has a prefix which also makes a vowel sound, divide the word between the *root* word and the prefix.

D.



5. Rule #7 ____
When a word has a consonant, consonant blend, or consonant phonogram between vowels and the first vowel makes a long sound, divide the word before the consonant.

E.





Doctor Your Words

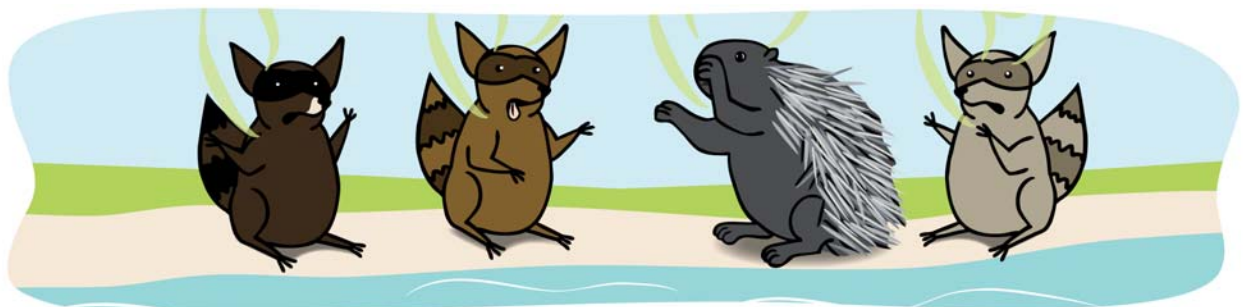
With Doctor Derby



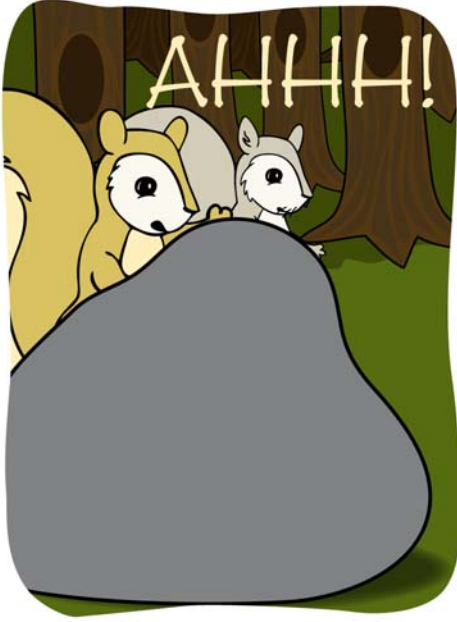
Examine the Word.

The words below are adjectives, nouns, and verbs. Read the word and then circle what part of speech the word is -- either adjective, noun, or verb. Remember a noun is a person, place, thing, or idea. A verb is an action word. An adjective tell us *which one*, *what kind*, and *how many*.

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|-------------|-----------|----|------|----|------|
| 1. bacon | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 2. stumbled | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 3. slimy | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 4. thunder | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 5. present | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 6. slender | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 7. think | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 8. ugly | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |
| 9. student | adjective | OR | noun | OR | verb |



New Squirrels



Hazelnut and Coconut watched the critters play. Coconut began to get excited and bounced. He wanted to play.

As the two squirrels watched, a scary scream filled the woods. Hazelnut gasped. She had already heard that scream today. "Where did the noise come from?" she asked.

"Look." Coconut pointed. Hazelnut saw a critter with a pink hat. "That critter screamed," he said. "I think she is hurt."

Hazelnut sighed. The shriek she had heard earlier was not an owl. It was a critter.

Hazelnut and Coconut were busy watching the action around the injured critter. They did not see that the soccer ball had rolled toward them. The critters helped the hurt critter find a place to sit and watch. They then started to look for the ball.

"I see it," Acorn said. "I'll get it." Acorn ran toward the hiding critters.



Hazelnut and Coconut gasped and hid behind the rock. They did not want to be spotted by this critter.

Acorn rushed toward the ball and picked it up. He turned to go back to their game but he stopped. Acorn saw something. He looked again. It was a tail!



Acorn walked around the rock. *Who could this critter be?* He saw another critter. Acorn smiled at the two scared squirrels. "Hello, what are you critters hiding from?" Acorn saw the small gray squirrel dash to hide behind the taller squirrel.

The golden colored squirrel tried to smile back at him. "We did not know if you were friendly critters," she said.

Acorn saw the little squirrel peek out from his hiding spot. "What is your name?"



"Coconut," the gray squirrel said in a quiet voice.

"I'm Hazelnut," the golden squirrel said. "Coconut is my son. We are trying to find our home."

"Where is your home?" Acorn asked.

"The city!" Coconut leaped out from behind his mother and smiled at Acorn. Acorn dropped the soccer ball and kicked it at Coconut. Acorn made sure to be careful. He did not want to hurt the little squirrel.



"Do you know how to find the city?" Hazelnut asked.

Acorn saw the sadness in Hazelnut's eyes. He didn't know why she was sad. Acorn wanted Hazelnut to be happy. He smiled and spoke, "I lived in the city as a little critter but I haven't seen it for years." Hazelnut asked if Acorn knew how to get there. Acorn shook his head. "My mom and dad know the way to the city, though."

"Acorn, Acorn!" Tatty, Dash, Scoot, Mildew, and Button Bunny called.

"Where are you?" Tatty asked in a loud voice.

"I'm here," Acorn said.

"Did you find the ball?" Scoot asked.

Tatty, Dash, Scoot, Button Bunny, and Mildew found Acorn. They were surprised to meet new critters.



"Friends, this is Hazelnut and her son, Coconut," Acorn said and pointed. "They are lost and need help."



Button Bunny, Dash, Scoot, Tatty, and Mildew said hello and told the squirrels their names. All the friends told the squirrels they would be happy to help her. Hazelnut smiled.

"I'm Coconut!" Coconut said and smiled at the critters of Pine Hollow. He lifted the ball over his head.

Acorn laughed. He thought Coconut was a funny little squirrel.

"If you squirrels are lost, you must be hungry," Tatty said.

Dash and Scoot's stomachs growled. They were hungry, too. "Follow us, we will show you the way!" They reached out their paws to hold the little squirrel's paw. Coconut shook his head. He wanted to hold his mama's paw. Dash and Scoot shrugged. They did not want to scare Coconut.



All the critters returned to Pine Hollow, to have a snack at Tatty's house. No critter in Pine Hollow wanted to miss out on Tatty's yummy treats.

Hazelnut and Coconut joined the critters. Acorn walked next to Coconut. He told Coconut and Hazelnut all about Tatty's sweet muffins and raisin cookies. Hazelnut saw the smile on Coconut's face as Acorn talked to him. She looked at Acorn. Acorn saw her sad eyes. "Thank you for helping us," she said.

Acorn smiled. He wished he could help take the tears out of Hazelnut's eyes, but that would have to wait. "We are glad to help!"



Before and After.

Did it happen before or after something else? Circle the right answer.

Acorn picked up the ball BEFORE or AFTER he saw a tail.

Acorn said hello BEFORE or AFTER he smiled at the squirrels.

Coconut said "Look!" BEFORE or AFTER Coconut bounced.

Dash & Scoot's stomachs growled BEFORE or AFTER they offered to hold Coconut's paw.

Fill In & Match.

Add TION to the words below. Next write underneath the picture the letter that matches what is pictured.

a. sta _____

f. vaca _____

b. na _____

g. inven _____

c. ac _____

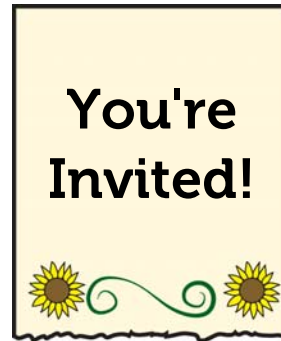
h. invita _____

d. men _____

i. educa _____

e. mo _____

j. addi _____



1. ____

Fill In & Match.

Add SION or SURE to the words below. Next write underneath the picture the letter that matches what is pictured.

a. mea _____

f. televi _____

b. man _____

g. trea _____

c. divi _____

h. plea _____

d. clo _____

i. expres _____

e. mis _____

j. confu _____



Fill In & Match.

Add CI, SI, or TI to the words below. Next write underneath the picture the letter that matches what is pictured.

a. cau _____ ous

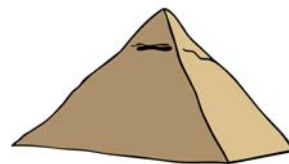
d. spe ____ al

b. vi _____ ous

e. pre ____ ous

c. an _____ ent

f. par _____ al





Test!

Time to take a test. You and Scoot have read, written, and practiced spelling this week's Secret Spelling Words. Have someone read your spelling words while you spell the words correctly on the lines below. See if you can correctly spell more words than Scoot!

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



How Many Words did You Spell Correctly?

Write the number of words you spelled right.
Did you do better than Scoot? Or not?

Scoot
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Pirates & Vikings!

"We should sail on the *Sea Knot*," Dash said. He ran toward Silver Lake and looked out at the water. "The lake is just waiting for us to have an adventure on it!"



"Can I come too?" Coconut asked.

Scout nodded. "You and Acorn can come and so can Mildew. They're small enough, but Doctor Derby and Drew are too large," Scout said.

"I'll stay with, Drew," Mildew said.

"Bye gray squirrel," Doctor Derby said. "I have some patients to visit." Doctor Derby hurried away. He entered his burrow and then quickly exited and ran into the woods.



Acorn and Coconut followed the two chipmunks to their boat. Dash and Scout led the way to their hidden boat. They had learned to hide their boat from critters. Dash and Scout stopped at a large bush. Dash and Scout dove into the bush. The bush began to shake. Coconut bounced

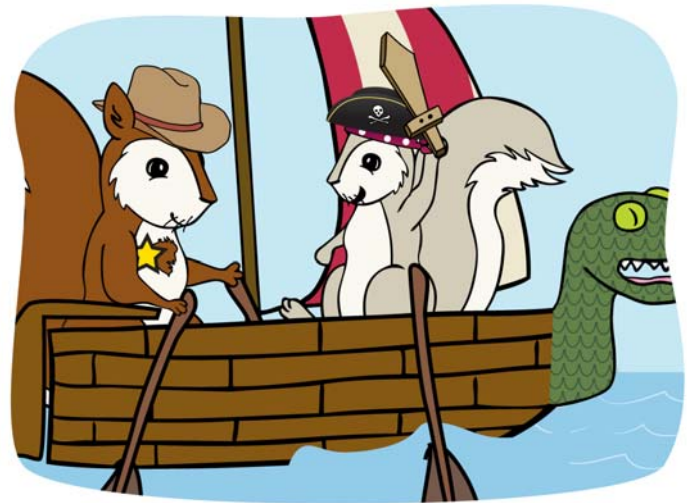
with excitement. Whoosh! Out popped the *Sea Knot*. Coconut clapped and Acorn laughed.

Acorn helped Dash and Scout push the boat into the water. Coconut leaped inside the boat. He was so excited! Coconut knew this was going to be his first, last, and only time he'd ever get to be in a sailboat. Coconut wouldn't be able to ride in a sailboat in the city.



Soon Acorn, Coconut, Dash, and Scoot were sailing out on the open lake, the wind blowing into their faces. The sun was shining bright.

Coconut sat at the front of the boat. He watched the wind fill the red striped sail. He stabbed the water with his wooden sword. Sometimes he'd drag it in the splashing waves. Coconut skipped and hopped from one end of the boat to the other.



Acorn watched Coconut having fun from the back of the boat. Acorn smiled; both young and old critters enjoyed sailing. Coconut stood at the front of the boat, the wind blowing his fur. He turned to smile back at Acorn. Coconut raised his sword into the air.

The wind blew and Coconut fell. Acorn rushed over to Coconut. Coconut's sword and hat dropped into the water and so did Coconut! Acorn grabbed Coconut's paws. Coconut gasped for air. Water stung his eyes. Acorn pulled and yanked Coconut back into the boat. Dripping wet, Coconut gripped Acorn tightly. Coconut wouldn't let Acorn give him a loose hug.

Dash and Scoot were shocked. They ran to Acorn's side. "Is Coconut all right?" Dash and Scoot asked.



The two chipmunks looked down at the gray, wet, furry squirrel. Cool water slid off Coconut's nose. Coconut was cold and shivered. Coconut wouldn't let Acorn go. Acorn looked at Dash and Scoot. "He's just a little scared and cold," Acorn said. "I think Hazelnut would like to know about this."



Dash and Scoot grabbed the wooden sword, pirate hat, and sheriff hat that were floating in the water. They dropped the wet things into the *Sea Knot* and sailed toward the shore. They searched the shore of Silver Lake for Rascal Dickens' house.

"Over there!" Acorn pointed.



Dash and Scoot steered the boat toward Rascal Dickens' new house. The critters could see Hazelnut and Tatty washing the window. Tatty and Hazelnut looked small in the window.

"Coconut," Acorn said. "Look," he said and pointed.

Coconut looked up and saw his mother. He let go of Acorn and waved. Hazelnut waved back. She saw her son wet and dripping. Hazelnut dashed outside to see her son.

Dash and Scoot jumped into the water and pulled the *Sea Knot* onto the shore. Coconut wouldn't let go of Acorn's paw. Hazelnut saw her son gripping Acorn's paw. Coconut lifted his paw to wave, which raised Acorn's at the same time. Hazelnut knew Coconut had had fun and found trouble!





Write the Synonym.

This week you've learned about synonyms and antonyms. Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meanings. For this exercise write the synonym to the word below from the word bank.

1. shake _____
2. hare _____
3. fearful _____
4. glisten _____
5. trip _____

Word Bank

shiver journey
sparkle afraid
rabbit

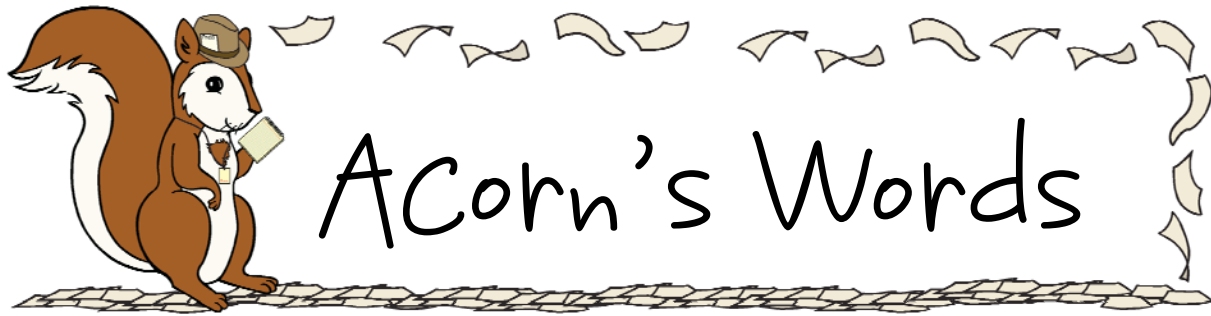
Write the Antonym.

This week you've learned about synonyms and antonyms. Antonyms are words that have the opposite or almost opposite meaning. For this exercise write the antonym to the word below from the word bank.

1. friend _____
2. thawed _____
3. weak _____
4. loosen _____
5. wide _____

Word Bank

frozen powerful
enemy tighten
narrow



Match the Antonyms.

This week you've learned that antonyms are words that have the opposite or almost opposite meaning. For this exercise read the word from the first column and find the antonym to that word in the second. Write the letter of the synonym from the second column onto the line in the first column.

1. ___ light	a. correct	5. ___ more	e. less
2. ___ win	b. heavy	6. ___ cheap	f. sour
3. ___ wrong	c. few	7. ___ slow	g. costly
4. ___ many	d. lose	8. ___ sweet	h. quick

Synonym or Antonym?

Look at each pair of words and think about their meanings. Are these words opposites of each other, like antonyms? Or are these words similar to each other, like synonyms? Write *A* on the line if they are antonyms or *S* if they are synonyms.

- glad ___ happy
- small ___ large
- easy ___ difficult
- creep ___ crawl
- fall ___ autumn



- awake ___ asleep
- slow ___ quick

Write the Antonym Pictured.

Look at the picture and read the word. Write the antonym for the picture and the word on the line below.



dirty



empty



wet

Hoot!!!! THUMP!
BUMP!! BOO!
Scraape!!

noisy



thick



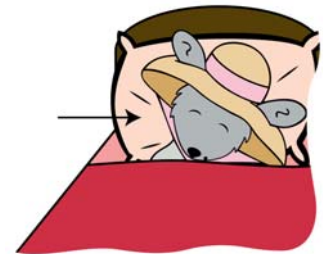
smile



enemy



hot



soft
