

Unit 1

3rd Grade Reading Tested Vocabulary List and Definitions

How I Spent My Summer Vacation

cowboys - workers on a cattle ranch
imagination - a creation of the mind
summer - season between spring and fall
vacation - a time of rest from school or business
visit - to go to see
west - the direction of the sunset

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

breakfast - the first meal of the day
comfortable - having comfort
cozy - warm and comfortable
forest - thick woods
gobbled - ate fast and greedily
hungry - feeling a desire or need for food
promise - to give one's word

Born to Rope

favorite - liked better than others
grandfather - male parent of one's mother or father
practice - an action done many times over for skill
prepare - to make ready
rodeo - contest or exhibition of skill in roping cattle or riding
tourists - persons traveling for pleasure

Herbie and Annabelle

coughs - forces from the lungs with sudden effort and noise
curious - eager to know
discovered - found out
poems - pieces of writing that express the writer's imagination
pretend - to make believe
secret - kept from the knowledge of others
sheet - a piece of cloth used to sleep on or under

Allie's Basketball Dream

aimed - pointed or directed something at a goal or target
basketball - ball used in playing the game of basketball
bounced - caused to bounce
gift - something given; present
playground - a place for outdoor play
shoot - to send a ball toward the goal while trying to score

Unit 2

Fly Traps! Plants That Bite Back

collect - gather together

hinge - a joint on which a cover or lid moves back and forth

insects - small animals with bodies divided into three parts and no backbones **pitcher** - a container for holding liquids

plants - living things that can make their own food

trap - a thing or means for catching animals

Guys From Space

breathe - to draw air into the lungs and force it out

dream - something like a dream; daydream; wish

planet - one of the heavenly bodies that moves around the sun

scary - causing fright or alarm

space - unlimited room or area extending in all directions

spaceship - a vehicle used for flight in outer space

Tornado Alert

destroy - to spoil; ruin; do away with

noise - a sound that is not pleasant or musical

powerful - having great power or force; mighty; strong

storms - strong winds, usually with heavy rain, snow, or hail and sometimes with thunder and lightning

warnings - notices given in advance

wrecked - destroyed; ruined

Danger - Icebergs!

alert - watchful

breaks - comes apart

melt - turn from a solid into a liquid by heating

ocean - a great body of salt water that covers almost three-fourths of Earth's surface

thousands - ten hundreds

Nights of the Pufflings

burrows - holes dug in the ground by animals for shelter or protection

cardboard - stiff material made of layers of paper pressed together

cliff - a very steep slope of rock or clay

hatch - to come out from the egg

island - a body of land surrounded by water

searching - examining carefully

underground - beneath the surface of the ground

Unit 3

What Do Authors Do?

authors - people who write books, poems, stories, or articles

difficult - hard to do or understand

information - knowledge given or received of some fact or event

libraries - collections of books, magazines, films, or recordings

museums - buildings in which collections of objects are kept and displayed

suggestions - ideas brought to mind

Tops and Bottoms

business - work done to earn a living

cheated - did business or played in a way that was not honest

clever - bright; intelligent; having a quick mind

harvesting - reaping and gathering food crops

lazy - not willing to work or be active

partners - members of a company or firm who share the risks and profits of the business

wealth - a large quantity; riches

Mom's Best Friend

bounded - leaped or sprang lightly along; jumped

correcting - changing to what is right; removing faults; improving

direction - any way in which one may face or point

easily - in an easy manner; without trying hard

guide - someone or something that shows the way

harness - the leather strips, band, and other pieces used to hitch a horse or other animal

introduce - to make known; bring into acquaintance with

patient - having patience; showing patience

Brave as a Mountain Lion

afraid - frightened; feeling fear

brave - without fear; having courage

reservation - land set aside by the government for a special purpose

silent - quiet; still; noiseless

spelling - writing or saying letters of a word in order

trouble - something that worries you

Your Dad Was Just Like You

jokes - things said or done to make somebody laugh

neighborhood - people living near one another

prize - a reward won in a contest

problem - a question; difficult question

prove - to try out; test

serious - thoughtful; grave

Unit 4

Ananse's Feast: An Ashanti Tale

brilliant - shining brightly; sparkling

delighted - feeling pleasure; joyful

feast - a rich meal prepared for some special occasion and for a number of guests

greedy - feeling a strong desire to have a lot of something

guest - a person who is received and entertained at another's house or table

stomach - the large muscular bag in the body that receives swallowed food

Sam and the Lucky Money

appreciate - to be thankful for

dragon - a huge, fierce animal in old stories

lucky - having or bringing good luck

rustling - a light, soft sound of things gently rubbing together

scolded - blamed with angry words

startled - suddenly frightened

Thunder Cake

distance - a place far away

lightning - a flash of electricity in the sky

measured - found the size or amount of something

recipe - a set of directions for preparing something to eat

thunder - the loud noise that accompanies or follows a flash of lightning

weather - the condition of the air at a certain place and time

One Grain of Rice

double - twice as much

grain - the seed of wheat, oats, corn, rice, and other cereal grasses

palace - a very large house, especially the official house of the king or queen

reward - something received in return for something done

single - one and no more

thief - a person who steals

A Woman Who Outshone the Sun

arrived - came to a place

astonished - greatly surprised

cruel - ready to give pain to others

excitement - an excited condition

respect - honor; esteem

shone - was lit and bright

spied - kept secret; watch

thirst - a dry, uncomfortable feeling in the mouth caused by having had nothing to drink

Unit 5

Flight - The Journey of Charles Lindbergh

compasses - instruments for showing directions, having a needle that always points north

engine - the part of a machine that uses energy to make the machine move or run

flight - a trip in an aircraft

instruments - devices for measuring, recording, or controlling

route - a way to go

soars - flies at great height

Chibi: A True Story from Japan

avenue - a street, sometimes wide or bordered with trees

ducklings - young ducks

nest - a structure built by birds as a place in which to lay their eggs

pool - a small pond; a small body of still water

splash - to cause water to fly about so as to wet or soil

spring - the season between winter and summer

Brave Irene

howling - a loud, long mournful cry

snatched - seized suddenly

stumble - to walk in an unsteady way

whipped - moved, pushed, or pulled quickly and suddenly

whirled - moved or carried quickly

wind - air in motion

More Than Anything Else

alphabet - the letters of a language arranged in the usual order, not as they are in words

cabin - a small, roughly built house

learning - gaining knowledge or skill

magic - done by magic or as if by magic

newspaper - sheets of paper printed every day or week, telling the news, carrying advertisements, and having stories, poems, and so on

tales - stories

Leah's Pony

chores - small tasks or easy jobs usually done regularly

dust - fine, dry earth

pasture - a grassy field or hillside

pony - a kind of small horse

saddle - a seat for a rider on a horse's back

sturdy - strong; stout

swift - moving very fast

Unit 6

The Piñata Maker

cone - a solid object that has a flat, round base and that narrows to a point at the top

creating - making a thing that has not been made before

designed - made a first sketch of; planned out; arranged the form and color of

famous - very well known

paste - a mixture used to stick things together

swan - a large, graceful water bird with long, slender, curving neck

Mailing May

bundled - tied or wrapped together; made into a bundle

carted - carried in or as if in a cart

conductor - a person in charge of a train or bus and its passengers

label - a slip of paper or other material attached to a thing and marked to show what or whose it is or where it is to go

mailing - sending by mail

station - a building where buses or trains regularly pick up and unload passengers

The Extra-Good Sunday

flushed - blushed; glowed

hurled - threw with much force

pronounced - made the sounds of; spoke

refrigerator - an appliance or room that keeps food or other things cold

sauce - something, usually liquid, served with or on food to make it taste better

success - a favorable result

Floating Home

astronaut - a member of the crew of a spacecraft

emergency - a sudden need for immediate action

globe - the Earth; world

launch - to push out or put forth into the air

unusual - no common

weighed - measure by weight

Two Bad Ants

blinding - making unable to see

crystal - a regularly shaped, solid substance with angles and flat surfaces

echoing - repeating a sound

ledge - a narrow shelf

remarkable - worthy of notice; unusual

scout - a information gatherer

sparkling - shining; glittering

treasure - valuable things