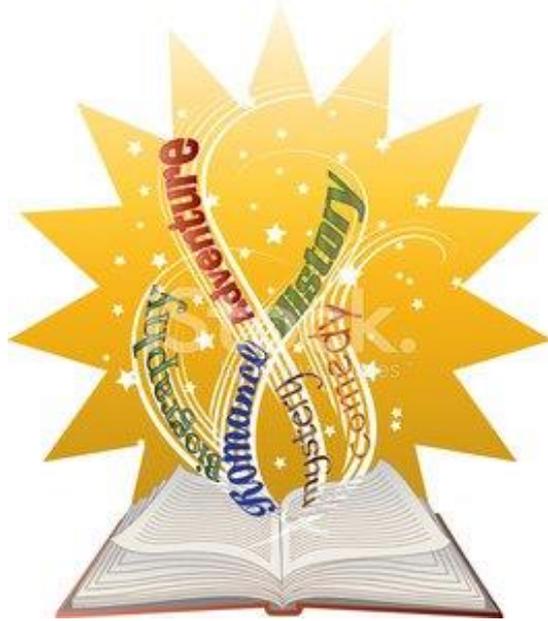


# Vocabulary Bank



# Story

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Time Words/Phrases

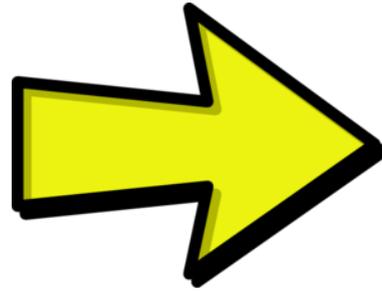
## First action

- At first,
- The first thing he did was...



## Alternatives for next and then

- Within seconds/ a few minutes.,
- For a fraction of a second,
- A minute passed and ...
- For one short moment,
- Shortly after that...
- Not long afterwards,
- The next thing he knew...
- He hesitated a moment and then...



- Just then,
- Next moment,
- Later,
- A second later,

## Instant reaction

### (alternatives for suddenly)

- At once,
- Almost at once,
- At the same time,
- At that very moment,
- As if on cue,
- Immediately,
- Instantly,



- Wasting no time, he...
- Without a second's hesitation,
- Not a moment too soon,
- Already she was...
- Almost from the moment when they...
- Even as he spoke/watched/listened...
- As she...,...
- Without warning,
- All of a sudden,
- Quickly,
- Abruptly,
- Without delay,

# Time of Day

## Night

- soft, fading light
- darkness fell like a curtain
- steeped in darkness



- That evening,
- Later that night,
- It was beginning to get dark...
- As darkness fell,
- As the sun began to fall,
- At the end of the day,
- As the light started to fade,
- It was almost dusk when...
- It was getting darker by the moment.
- Before they were swallowed into darkness, they...
- They travelled through the night, not daring to stop despite their exhaustion.

# Morning



- dawn's first ray of sunlight
- dew-soaked leaves
- dying moonlight and rising mist

- The following morning,
- When morning came,
- When he opened his eyes the next morning,
- The sun was rising in the sky.
- After hours of darkness, the sun finally rose.
- The dawn of the new day was grey and overcast.
- It was daylight when she woke.
- It was so early that no-one was stirring.
- A faint glimmer of light began to creep out of the gloom.
- He opened his eyes slowly. The memories of the previous day's events were throbbing in his head.
  
- It was still dark when he was jolted awake by...
- The sound of ... made me open my eyes.
- Just before dawn, she was awakened by...
- He woke with a start to ...

# -ing Openers

Surrounding...	Shattering the silence...
Echoing...	Covering...

# -ed Openers

Filled with ...	

# Movement

walk

goes

went



## Quick

sprinted  
darted  
bolted  
dashed  
flew  
galloped  
hurried  
rushed away

scrambled  
scurried  
scuttled  
staggered  
stumbled

paced  
strode

paraded

## Slow

limp  
hobble

crept  
crawled  
edged  
tiptoed

squirmed

approached  
advanced

limped  
hobbled

strolled  
wandered  
ambled  
sauntered  
shuffled

drifted



# Said



## Verbs

recalled

demanded

commanded

protested

ordered

snapped

hissed

warned

proclaimed

blurted

urged

offered

enquired

queried

muttered

whispered

murmured

stuttered

cried

groaned

sighed

promised

consoled

comforted

teased

sniggered

## Adverbs

abruptly

thoughtfully

fondly

urgently

wildly

eagerly

courageously

solemnly

# Adjectives

ominous

eerie

hostile

harsh

# Verbs

enveloped

lingered

barred

hovered

rumbled

descended

shrouded

cloaked

clung

# Weather (creating mood and atmosphere)

## Sun



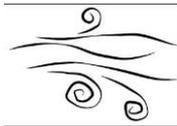
- sun blazed beneath the clouds in a golden blaze
- last rays of sun
- sunlight poured in through the windows
- sunlight bathes the room in a brilliant light
- blinded by the sunlight
- rays of sunlight burst through...
- temperature soared

## Rain



- curtain of icy rain
- driving rain
- lashed sideways
- relentless - downpour
- pelted - lashed - hammered
- danced - poured

## Windy



- trees danced in the brisk breeze
- brisk breeze
- wind moaned and howled
- welcome breeze

## Thunder and Lightning

- thunderous echo
- thunder tore through the sky
- rumbled - crashed - howled overhead
- lightning tore through the sky
- jagged spears of lightning
- streaked across the horizon
- blinding - illuminated

## Mist

- blanket of grey mist
- swirling, brooding mist
- mist crept low along the ground
- coils of mist drifted up
- fog hung over...

## Clouds



- wispy white clouds
- clouds like a torn veil
- dense, black clouds
- ominous, grey clouds
- clouds drifted slowly across the sky

## Moon

- eerie, silver light of the full moon
- moon was drowned in heavy clouds
- only a fleeting glimpse of the full moon to guide them

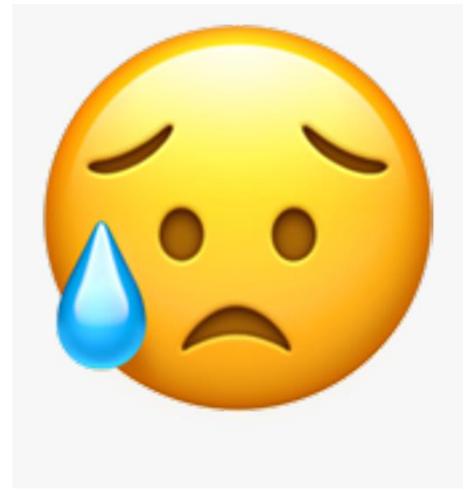


## Snow/Ice/Frost

- gleaming frost
- crystal patterns on the windows
- crisp carpet beneath her feet
- bitter whirl of icy crystal
- cloaked in snow
- the snow fell in delicate showers
- blanketed the ground



# Sadness



## Crying

- silent, shuddering sobs
- lips trembled/quivered
- tears streamed from her eyes
- blurred his vision
- screwed eyes shut to hold back the tears
- wild, ragged wail
- low, gurgling moan
- unshed tears in her voice
- uncontrollable sobbing racked his body

## Voice

- My voice trailed off into a heartfelt sigh.
- voice sank to a murmur / voice crumpled with misery
- voice was strained

## Face

- vacant expression
- stared as if in a trance / stared unblinking at...
- eyes filled with grief

## Body - sad

- heart was swollen and bruised
- huge lump in the back of my throat
- horrible sense of loneliness like a dark fog
- spread through his chest like a dull ache
- all thought and reason had shut down
- She tried to hold her smile but her expression faltered as her chin started to tremble
- shadowed with grief and misery
- felt hollow and cold
- sadness erupted inside of him
- enveloped her like a dark cloud
- buried my head in my hands
- coldness settled inside me
- gripping pain in his heart
- hunched
- head dropped to my chest
- whole body racked with sadness/anguish/sobs



# Happiness



## Body

- buzzing with excitement
- glow of happiness
- unbearable gurgle in my stomach
- heart pounded
- pulse raced
- body tingled with excitement
- walked with a bounce in her step

## Smile

- wide, eager smile
- wide, excited grin
- face lit up in a wide smile
- grinning from ear to ear

## Eyes

- bright, twinkling eyes
- eyes wide
- eyes sparkled with eagerness
- glint of humour in her eyes

## Laughter

- nibbled at his lower lip to hold back the laughter that was threatening to erupt
- giggles bubbled at the back of his throat



# Fear

## Body

- prickle of heat in the bottom of his spine
- like a lead ball in her stomach
- fear settled on him like a dark fog
- struck dead with terror
- every nerve in his body warned him not to
- blood pounded in her temples
- hairs prickled on the back of her neck
- like a moth fluttering inside his stomach
- like a hundred spiders scuttling down my back



- fear choked him
- heart pounded
- cold sweat
- gripped with anxiety
- panic rose in his chest

## Face

- troubled look
- look of sheer terror
- face was drawn with worry
- teeth chattering
- eyes widened in horror
- threw out darting little glances
- drained of all colour
- cold sweat across my brow
- clenched jaw

## Speech

- strangled whisper
- shrank into silence
- voice froze in her throat

## Movement

- approached cautiously
- edged forward
- fear turned her to stone
- numb and paralysed by fear/with terror
- froze in horror

# Nervous



## Body

- heart pounded
- heart fluttered
- butterflies fluttered in her stomach
- body was tense and his senses alert
- mist descended on my mind
- hands were shaking
- as if she was walking in a blizzard of nerves and confusion
- watched with bated breath
- hunched shoulders
- trembling lips
- feet danced with nervous strain
- rose shakily to her feet

## Face

- blank expression
- blood rushed to her cheeks
- blush spread from his neck to his face
- bared teeth in an edgy grin
- eyes fixed to the floor
- glanced rapidly around him
- I found it difficult to meet her gaze so I kept my head down and eyes fixed to the floor.

## Speech

- sank to a murmur
- dropped to an urgent whisper
- took a deep breath
- words tumbled out in a rush
- spoke through clenched teeth





