

Name _____

behave

express

feathers

flapping

Use what you know about the words in the sentences to choose the word that makes sense in each blank. Then write the word on the line.

1. The crow has black _____.

feathers

2. The bird is able to fly by _____ its wings.

flapping

3. The children _____ by following the classroom rules.

behave

4. I _____ myself by writing in a journal.

express

B. Choose one vocabulary word from the box above. Write the word in a sentence of your own.




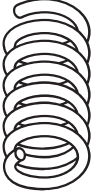


Possible response provided.

5. **The flag was flapping in the wind.**

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Three letters can be blended together such as **scr**, **spl**, **spr**, **str**, **shr**, and **thr**. Listen to the beginning sounds in **scrap** and **split**.

A. Look at the picture. Write the missing blend for each word.

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|----|---|----------------------------|----|--|----------------------------|
| 1. |  | _____ thr _____ one | 2. |  | _____ spl _____ ash |
| 3. |  | _____ scr _____ ub | 4. |  | _____ spr _____ ing |
| 5. |  | _____ str _____ ap | 6. |  | _____ shr _____ ub |

A **compound word** is made up of two smaller words.

B. Circle each compound word. Write the two smaller words that make it up.

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| 7. beaches | bedspread | _____ bed _____ | _____ spread _____ |
| 8. wishbone | wonder | _____ wish _____ | _____ bone _____ |
| 9. springtime | spotted | _____ spring _____ | _____ time _____ |

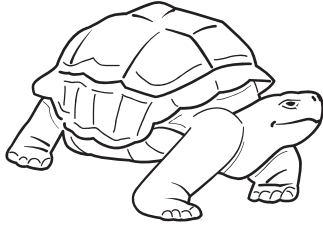
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Read the poem. Use the reread strategy to check your understanding.

A Tortoise

- You will find that a tortoise is a mild fellow,
10 It lives a life that's calm and mellow.
- 18 A tortoise can live for quite a long span,
27 In fact it may even live longer than a man.
- 37 You'll never find a tortoise at sea,
44 It lives on land—that's where it should be.
- 53 Would a tortoise be able to win a race?
62 Not since it moves at such a slow pace.
- 71 It has four stumpy legs and four tortoise feet.
80 For a snack, plants are its favorite of treat.

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89 Some creatures have feathers and some have hair,
97 But what does our friend tortoise wear?

104 A tortoise wears a hard outer shell,
111 That always works to serve it well.

118 When a tortoise doesn't know where to hide,
126 It just pulls its head and four limbs inside.

135 Even though a tortoise may be shy,
142 It can walk around with its head held high.

151 For a tortoise is a marvel of the animal pack,
161 It carries its home right on its back.

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. How long can a tortoise live?

A tortoise can live longer than a man.

2. Where does a tortoise live?

A tortoise lives on land.

3. How does a tortoise use its shell?

A tortoise hides inside its shell to stay safe.

B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to how you pause and group words together. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	

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Read the selection. Complete the Key Details chart.

Detail	Detail	Detail
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A. Read the draft model. Use the questions that follow the draft to help you think about what precise words you can add.

Draft Model

I went outside one night.
Something moved, so I turned on the light.
It was a little toad,
Hopping across the road.

- 1. What kind of night is it?
- 2. What does the toad look like?
- 3. How does the toad move?

B. Now revise the draft by adding precise words to give readers a clearer picture about the night and the toad.

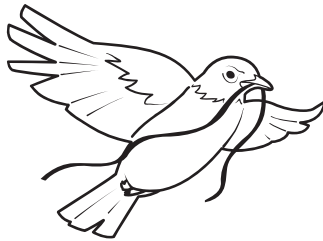
Answers will vary but should include precise and descriptive words about

the night and the toad.

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The Robin

A robin gathers twigs and fluff,
 And sticks and string and other stuff.
 She chooses things she likes the best,
 And weaves them in to build her nest.



Answer the questions about the text.

1. How do you know this text is a poem?

It has rhythm and rhyming words.

2. How many beats do you hear in each line?

I hear eight beats in each line.

3. Why do you think the poet uses rhythm?

Possible response: to emphasize the things the robin uses to build

her nest.

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Multiple-meaning words have more than one meaning. Use other words in the sentence to figure out which meaning is being used.

Read the lines from the poem. Circle the meaning of the word in bold print.

1. You'll never find a tortoise at sea,
It lives on **land**—that's where it should be.

the ground to come down from above

2. A tortoise wears a hard outer shell,
That always works to serve it **well**.

in a good way a hole in the ground that stores water

3. It has four stumpy legs and four tortoise **feet**.

measurements of 12 inches parts of the body

4. When a tortoise doesn't know where to hide,
It just pulls its head and four **limbs** inside.

tree branches legs

5. For a tortoise is a marvel of the animal **pack**,
It carries its home right on its back.

to put things in a suitcase a group of animals

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Reread “A Tortoise.” Write an analysis of how the author used word choice to tell about tortoises. Use the words and picture to help you complete the sentences below.

Possible responses provided.

1. The author wrote this poem to tell about how a tortoise is special

2. The words mellow and fellow

rhyme. The poet uses rhyme to emphasize important words

3. The poet helped me understand how long the tortoise lives

by using the words long span and longer than a man
