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attracted

fabric

honest

soared

dazzling

greed

requested

trudged

Use the context clues in each sentence to help you decide which vocabulary word fits best in the blank.

Flying high in the air, Eagle soared over the forest. Something drew his attention in the forest below and he flew down to see it. It was something colorful that had attracted him. When Eagle landed on the forest floor, he saw a splendid piece of cloth with bright, dazzling colors.

He knew that the cloth might belong to someone else, but he had always desired just such a scarf. greed got the best of him, and he picked up the piece of fabric. Just then, Big Bear appeared, walking slowly toward Eagle. Big Bear trudged up next to him.

"Can you help me find my scarf?" Big Bear requested. At first, Eagle thought about hiding the scarf. But instead of lying, he decided to be honest. "Oh, well," thought Eagle. He handed the scarf to Big Bear and flew away.

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The Tiger, the Brahmin, and the Jackal

The jackal said to the Brahmin, "I understand that you agreed to let the tiger free if the tiger agreed not to eat you." He turned to the tiger. "And I understand that as soon as you were free, you said you would eat the Brahmin anyway. But I still can't understand this cage here..."

The tiger snarled impatiently. "Foolish jackal! How many times do I have to explain it?" he said. He walked into the cage to demonstrate how it worked. As soon as he was inside, the jackal closed the door behind him and locked him in.

The jackal turned to the Brahmin. "I think you should leave this cage closed," he said.

Answer the questions about the text.

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

It teaches a lesson or moral and has animal characters

2. What literary elements are included in a folktale?

a moral or lesson and personification where animals behave like humans

3. Choose a character. What quality do you think this character symbolizes?

Tiger. strength, arrogance

4. What lesson do you think this folktale teaches?

The lesson is that everyone should think someone's promise carefully.

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Read each passage below. Write the root word and the definition of the word in bold.

1. Anansi was a spider who had six children, each with his or her own special **ability**.

Root word: abilityDefinition: what you can do easily.

2. "Such a **wonderful** thing!" exclaimed Anansi. "I know just what I will do with it. I will give it to one of my children. But which one should I give it to?"

Root word: wonderfulDefinition: super great.

3. "Gladly," said Nyame, and she reached down **carefully** to take the globe in hand.

Root word: carefullyDefinition: take care of something very much.

4. Nyame watched from above as the **argument** went on and on.

Root word: argumentDefinition: fight and criticizing.

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. Pick one of Anansi's children to write about. Write the name of the character and explain how he or she uses his or her ability to save Anansi.

See Trouble. See Trouble knew at once what had happened to Anansi.

2. What is the decision Nyame comes to at the end of the story?

She placed the bright globe high above for every living thing to see.

3. What is one of the themes of this story?

B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to expression. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

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