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Animal Tracks

bank¹¹

A bank is the side of a hill or a steep slope.



footprints¹⁸

Footprints are the marks left by feet.



habitat¹⁵

A habitat is a place in nature where an animal or plant lives. *A frog's habitat includes trees and bodies of water.*

handprints¹³

Handprints are the marks left by hands.

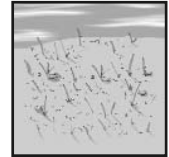


marshy¹⁴

If land is marshy, it is wet and soft. *The boy's shoes were wet and dirty because he had been walking on marshy land.*

prairie¹⁶

A prairie is a large area of land that is covered in grass.



town¹²

A town is a place with many houses and stores where people live and work.



visits¹⁷

Visits means goes to a place. *Karim visits the beach every summer.*

The Bobcat

bobbed¹⁹

Bobbed means cut off short. *Her hair used to hang down to her waist, but she got it bobbed and now it only hangs down to her chin.*

dens²¹

Dens are places where wild animals live.

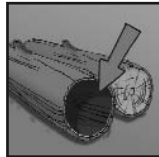


flat²³

If something is flat, the outside of it does not have any bumps or sharp points. *Tabletops, books, and rulers are flat.*

hollow²²

Hollow means empty on the inside. *Pipes are hollow.*



litter²⁵

A litter is all the young born at the same time to a mother animal. *My cat had a litter of five kittens this week.*

nocturnal²⁴

Animals that are nocturnal are active at night and sleep during the day. *Bats, owls, and raccoons are all nocturnal animals.*

spotted²⁰

Spotted means seen or noticed. *The thief was spotted by many people, and several reported what they had seen to the police.*

Collecting Stamps

¹² **carry**

Carry means to take an object or a piece of information from one place to another. *My grandparents haven't heard about my good grades yet, so I will carry the news to them this weekend.*

¹³ **collect**

Collect means to gather things in the same place. *The boys collect comic books and keep them in their closet.*

¹⁴ **collection**

A collection is a set of things that are the same in some way. *She has a collection of dolls.*

¹⁵ **flat**

Flat means smooth and even, without any bends, bumps, or wrinkles.

¹⁷ **gang**

A gang is a group of people who spend a lot of time together or who work together.

¹⁶ **scrapbook**

A scrapbook is a book with blank pages. People paste or tape things that they want to save onto the blank pages.



Farouk pasted his collection of letters from authors into a scrapbook.

¹¹ **sort**

When you sort things, you put them in an order or in groups.

How to Become a Rock Hound

²⁰ **collect**

Collect means to gather things in the same place. *The boys collect comic books and keep them in their closet.*

¹⁸ **hobby**

A hobby is an activity or something a person likes to do in his or her free time. *Her favorite hobby is ice skating; she goes to the ice rink whenever she can.*

¹⁹ **hound**

A hound is someone who is interested and excited about a subject. *Kamul is a comic book hound who reads and collects hundreds of comic books.*

²⁴ **igneous**

Igneous means formed by a volcano or other strong heat source. *My teacher showed us some igneous rocks that looked like colored glass.*

²⁶ **metamorphic**

Metamorphic means changed in form by natural processes. *Marble is a metamorphic rock; it is limestone that has been changed by heat and pressure.*

²² **polish**

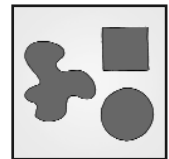
When you polish something, you make it smooth and shiny. *Santina uses a machine to polish her car; the polisher makes her car shine like a brand new car.*

²⁵ **sedimentary**

Sedimentary means formed by matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid. *Limestone is a sedimentary rock that forms where seas have dried up.*

²³ **shapes**

Shapes are forms or outlines of things. *Balls and blocks have different shapes.*



²¹ **tool**

A tool is something that is made or shaped to help you do work. *A hammer is a tool that helps people build things.*



A Comet Crashes Into Jupiter

Story 5
Glossary, Tracks 11–18

comet¹¹

A comet is a bright ball with a tail that moves through space.



cracked¹²

If something cracked, it broke or split. *The glass cup cracked into pieces when it fell off the shelf.*

extinct¹⁷

If a kind of animal or plant is extinct, all of that kind have died and none of that kind are living anymore. *Dinosaurs became extinct long ago; no dinosaurs have been alive for millions of years.*

fireballs¹⁶

Fireballs are burning objects that look round and are very hot and bright. *Comets are fireballs with tails that move through space.*

happenings¹⁸

Happenings are events that take place. *Birthday parties are happenings that families enjoy.*

planet¹⁴

A planet is a very large round object in outer space that goes around the sun or another star.



Mars is a planet that moves around the same sun as Earth does.

slammed¹³

Slammed means hit hard.

telescopes¹⁵

Telescopes are tubes with lenses or mirrors that people look through to be able to see something that is very far away.



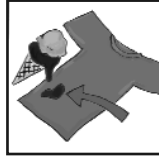
Distant objects, like the moon and stars, look much closer when people see them through telescopes.

The Common American Robin

Story 6
Glossary, Tracks 19–24

blotches²²

Blotches are marks or spots on something. *I got some blotches on my shirt when I spilled my plate of food on myself.*



bob²³

When things bob, they move up and down quickly. *A boat will bob in wavy water.*

breast²⁰

A breast is the front part of an animal's body. *A robin is a bird with a red breast.*



cocks²⁴

Cocks means tips to the side. *The dog cocks its head toward the sound it hears.*



probably¹⁹

Probably means likely to be or likely to happen. *The clouds are very dark, so it will probably rain.*

spot²¹

Spot means to see or notice something. *The eagle will spot the mouse and swoop down to get it.*

Carl Sandburg—American Poet

Story 7
Glossary, Tracks 11–16

¹² **attic**

An attic is a space or room at the top of a house inside the roof. *The family stores their extra clothes in the attic.*



¹³ **cracker box**

A cracker box is a wooden box or crate that is used to store or to ship crackers.



¹¹ **habit**

A habit is something done often and without thinking or planning. *Jane had a habit of making her bed every morning.*

¹⁴ **pacifist**

A pacifist is someone who is strongly against using war or violence as a way to settle differences.

¹⁶ **tap-danced**

Tap-danced means danced wearing special shoes that make clicking sounds.



¹⁵ **works**

Works are things that a person writes, draws, or makes. *The museum is showing two of the painter's most famous works.*

face²³

Face means to have the front of something turned in a certain direction. *The living room windows in our house face the street.*

New World²¹

The New World usually refers to the continents of North and South America. *New World monkeys live in the forests of Mexico, Central America, and South America.*

nostrils²²

Nostrils are openings in the nose for breathing and smelling.



objects¹⁹

Objects are things you can see and touch. *Dishes, toys, and clothes are all objects.*

observe¹⁷

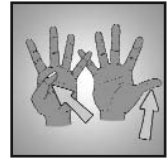
Observe means to watch carefully. *We used a telescope to observe the stars.*

Old World²⁰

The Old World usually refers to the parts of the world that Europeans knew about before they knew about North and South America. *Old World monkeys are found in parts of Asia and Africa.*

opposable thumbs¹⁸

If an animal has opposable thumbs, its thumbs are separate from its fingers so they can hold things. *Because people have opposable thumbs, they can do all kinds of things with their hands, like holding a pencil and opening a door.*



sideways²⁴

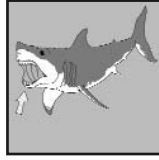
Sideways means toward the side. *The handles on the bike stick out sideways.*

A Centipede at Your House?

Story 9
Glossary, Tracks 11–17

¹⁴ **jaws**

Jaws are the body parts that allow the mouth to open and close. *The shark opened its jaws to eat its prey.*

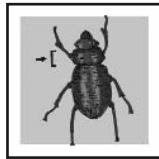


¹⁷ **pesky**

If something is pesky, it is annoying or bothersome. *The pesky flies would not leave our picnic lunch alone.*

¹² **segment**

A segment is a part or section. *An ant's head is the first segment of its body.*



¹¹ **sets**

Sets are groups of things that go together.

¹⁵ **venom**

Venom is a type of poison that can hurt or kill other animals. Venom is usually delivered by a bite or sting. *The venom from some snake bites can quickly kill a larger animal.*

¹³ **venomous**

Venomous means having venom, a type of poison that can hurt or kill other animals. Venom is usually delivered by a bite or sting. *A venomous snake bite doesn't just break the skin; it also sends deadly poison into the wound.*

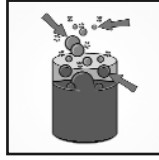
¹⁶ **welt**

A welt is the raised mark that a bite, a hit, or a cut leaves on the skin. *A welt formed on the boy's leg where he cut himself when he fell.*

Bubbles to Zubbles

¹⁸ bubbles

Bubbles are round shapes filled with air or gas. The shape is made with a layer of liquid.



²¹ dyes

Dyes are powders or liquids used to change the color of things. *My sisters use dyes to make their hair red.*

²³ grumbled

Grumbled means complained about something. *Erin grumbled the whole time she was washing dishes because she didn't like working in the kitchen.*

²⁴ marks

Marks are things like spots, lines, stains, or scars that you can see. *Ben put marks on the trees he wanted out of his yard so I would know which ones to cut down.*



¹⁹ plunged

Plunged means started doing something quickly or with great energy. *I asked Susie how her vacation was, and she plunged into a long story about all the places she had visited and things she had seen.*

²⁶ plus

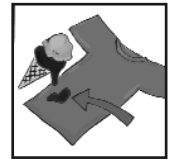
Plus means and or along with. *I bought three shirts plus a new pair of pants.*

²⁰ project

A project is a job or task that usually has several parts and needs planning. *Each of us worked on a different part of the project—Jack did the interviews, Mary did the research, and I wrote the report.*

²² stained

Stained means marked with color, dirt, or something else that leaves a spot. *He stained his shirt when he spilled ketchup on it.*



²⁵ stunning

Stunning means very beautiful. *She looked stunning when she put on her new dress.*

How to Make Real Lemonade

Story 11
Glossary, Tracks 11–17

¹² **can**

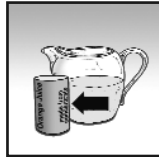
A can is a round container that is usually made of metal. *You can buy soda in a can or a bottle.*

¹⁷ **chill**

When you chill something, you make it colder. *Mom put the soda in the refrigerator to chill it.*

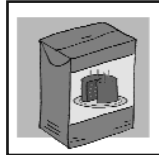
¹³ **concentrate**

Concentrate is a thick liquid that makes juice when you add water to it.



¹¹ **mix**

A mix is a blend of dry food that is used to quickly make something to eat or drink. *I added water and eggs to the mix and made pancakes.*



¹⁵ **pitcher**

A pitcher is a container used for holding water, juice, or other things to drink. *I filled the pitcher up with water before the guests came for dinner.*



¹⁶ **squeezer**

A squeezer is a kitchen tool that is used to get the juice out of fruit or other foods.

¹⁴ **tools**

Tools are things that are made or shaped to help you do work. *Hammers are tools that help people build things.*

A Bird With a Mask

Story 12
Glossary, Tracks 18–25

fluff²¹

Fluff is light, soft, feathery pieces. *The baby bird was covered in fluff; it was very soft.*

mussels²⁴

Mussels are water animals that have soft bodies and live in shells. They are one kind of shellfish.

plucks²⁵

Plucks means removes something by pulling it off or pulling it out. *The crow plucks the corn from the cob.*

powder puff²²

A powder puff is a soft, fluffy ball that is used for putting powder on the skin.

shellfish²³

Shellfish are small animals that live in the water and have shells. *Clams, shrimp, and lobsters are different kinds of shellfish.*



tufts¹⁸

Tufts are bunches of hair, grass, or feathers that grow close together.

tunnels²⁰

Tunnels are long holes that go under the ground. *Sometimes people cut tunnels through a mountain so that cars can drive under the mountain instead of going over it.*



underbelly¹⁹

An animal's underbelly is the part of its body opposite its back.

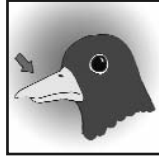


The Red-Headed Woodpecker

Story 13
Glossary, Tracks 11–16

¹⁵ **beak**

A beak is a hard, pointed mouth. *The bird poked at the seeds with its beak.*

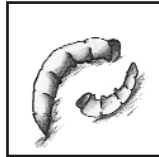


¹¹ **chest**

The chest is the part of the body between the neck and the stomach. *They pinned the ribbon on the winner's chest.*

¹³ **grubs**

Grubs are the larvae or the young of insects. They look like short fat worms. *The gardener is unhappy when grubs damage his young plants.*



¹⁶ **hatch**

When eggs hatch, the animals inside the eggs break the shells and come out. *When we watched the eggs hatch in the nest near our window, we saw the baby birds peck their way out of the shell.*



¹⁴ **pecks**

When a bird pecks, it uses its beak to poke or bite something. *The chicken pecks the seeds off the ground in the farmyard.*



¹² **pesky**

If something is pesky, it is annoying or bothersome. *The pesky flies would not leave our picnic lunch alone.*

A Woman Who Just Said "NO"

Story 14
Glossary, Tracks 17–26

arrested²²

Arrested means caught and held for breaking the law. *The thief was arrested when the police saw him robbing the bank.*



blustered²³

Blustered means talked loudly or rudely. *The angry girl blustered, "You are not my friend anymore!"*

budge²⁰

Budge means to move, even just a little bit. *I asked my friend to move over so that I could sit next to her, but she did not budge, so I had to stand.*

flustered¹⁹

When you are flustered, you are nervous, confused, and upset. *The girl was flustered because she left her homework on the bus.*

fuss¹⁸

If you make a fuss, you complain or get upset about something. *The girl made a fuss every time she had to do the dishes.*

gutsy¹⁷

Gutsy means bold or brave. *Harriet was gutsy when she told the class bully to stop picking on Ramon.*

humble²⁵

Humble means not proud, or not acting special or self-important.

hustled²¹

Hustled means hurried or went fast. *Dad hustled to the game because he didn't want to be late.*

inspired²⁴

Inspired means given hope, courage, or a strong wish to do something. *The players were inspired by the coach's speech and tried to do their best.*

unfair²⁶

Unfair means not treating everyone the same. *The unfair rule let the boys use the soccer field more than the girls.*

The Strength of an Egg

¹¹ **hatch**

When eggs hatch, the animals inside the eggs break the shells and come out. *When we watched the eggs hatch in the nest near our window, we saw the baby birds peck their way out of the shell.*



¹³ **peck**

When birds peck, they use their beaks to poke or bite something. *The chickens peck the seeds off the ground in the farmyard.*



¹⁶ **pressure**

Pressure is force or weight that is put on something. *When I studied outside, I put a heavy book on my papers so the pressure would keep them from flying away in the wind.*

¹² **shells**

Shells are the hard covers on some things, like eggs, turtles, and submarines.

¹⁵ **spreads**

Spreads means passes around, or distributes, something over an area. *The wind spreads the tree's falling leaves across our whole yard.*

¹⁴ **strength**

Strength is toughness, power, or the quality of being strong. *Steel has more strength than wood; you can use steel to cut through wood, but wood cannot cut through steel.*

A Plant With a Funny Name

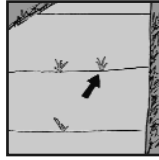
Story 16
Glossary, Tracks 17–25

¹⁹ clumps

Clumps are groups or lumps of things.
Mom put two clumps of mashed potatoes on his plate.

²⁰ clusters

Clusters are groups or clumps of things. *Two clusters of grass came out of the crack in the sidewalk.*



²³ frustrating

When something is frustrating, it keeps you from doing what you plan to do.

²⁵ fussy

Fussy means taking great care in picking something. *The girl was fussy about her clothes and would only wear skirts.*

¹⁷ fuzzy

Fuzzy means covered with fuzz, which is fluffy stuff like feathers, fur, or soft hairs. *Peaches feel soft because they have fuzzy skins.*

¹⁸ stem

A stem is the long, thin part of a plant that has a leaf or flower at the end or top.



²⁴ take root

Take root means to send out roots or to begin to grow. *The farmer hoped the rain would help her seeds to sprout and take root.*

²² upset

Upset means to make someone mad, sad, or hurt. *It would upset Mom if someone broke her new chair.*

²¹ weeds

Weeds are wild plants that grow where you do not want them. *He pulled the weeds from his garden.*



milk shake¹²

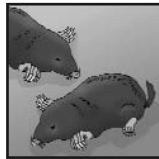
A milk shake is a sweet drink made with milk and ice cream.

milked¹⁷

Milked means took the milk from a mammal. Milk is a white liquid that mammal mothers produce to feed their young. *The farmer milked the cows; he got a pailful of milk from each cow.*

moles¹⁵

Moles are little mammals with soft fur. Moles live underground and have very small eyes.

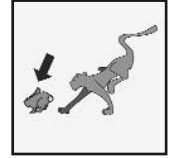


note¹¹

Note means to pay attention or to take notice of something. *The magician showed us an empty hat and said we should note that there was nothing in it.*

prey¹⁶

Prey is an animal hunted by another animal for food. *A fly is a frog's prey, and a mouse is prey for cats and owls.*



silk¹³

Silk is thread or cloth that is made from a soft fiber that is spun by silkworms.

venomous¹⁴

Venomous means having venom, a type of poison that can hurt or kill other animals. Venom is usually delivered by a bite or sting. *A venomous snake bite doesn't just break the skin; it also sends deadly poison into the wound.*

Cat Mummies

Story 18
Glossary, Tracks 18–23

²³ collar

A collar is a band or chain that goes around the neck. *I tied a leash to my dog's collar and took him for a walk.*



²⁰ dipped

Dipped means put into a liquid for a short time and then removed. *The candies were dipped into chocolate, then rolled in nuts.*

²¹ drugs

Drugs are powders, pills, or liquids that can cause changes to a body.

¹⁸ gods

Gods are beings that some people believe have special powers over nature and life. *The ancient Romans had many gods they prayed to for different things.*

¹⁹ mummies

Mummies are dead bodies that have been kept from rotting. *The mummies at the museum were in tombs.*

²² rot

Rot means to fall apart or to decay. *Sometimes dead things, like fish, smell really bad when they rot.*



Picasso—A Well-Known Artist

Story 19
Glossary, Tracks 11–18

¹³ **clay**

If something is clay, it is made from a kind of mud that gets hard when it dries. *Some people make clay pots, bowls, and plates.*

¹⁷ **figures**

Figures are shapes, forms, or outlines. *We could see figures in the clouds that looked like bears.*

¹¹ **gifted**

Gifted means talented or able to do something well. *The gifted swimmer set three pool records.*

¹⁸ **modern art**

Modern art is a style of art that experiments with new materials and new ways of showing images, feelings, and ideas.

¹⁵ **shades**

Shades are amounts of darkness or lightness of colors. *There were two shades of blue paint—light blue and dark blue.*



¹² **shape**

When you shape something, you make it have a form or make it look like something. *I started to shape the clay into a bowl.*



¹⁶ **twisted**

Twisted means bent, crooked, or not in the proper shape.

¹⁴ **works**

Works are things that a person writes, draws, or makes. *The museum is showing two of the painter's most famous works.*



The Ink Pen—A Little History

Story 20
Glossary, Tracks 19–26

ballpoint pen²⁶

A ballpoint pen is a type of pen with a small ball in the tip that controls how much ink can get on the paper.

eyedroppers²⁵

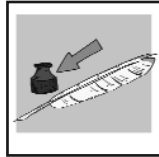
Eyedroppers are small tubes that hold liquid and can drip the liquid out one drop at a time.

felt-tipped pens¹⁹

Felt-tipped pens are pens whose tips are made of felt. *Markers are felt-tipped pens.*

ink²⁰

Ink is the colored liquid that pens use to make marks.



nibs²⁴

Nibs are the points of pens that touch the paper when people write with them.

papyrus²¹

Papyrus is a plant found in Africa that is used to make paper.

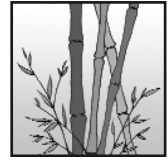
quills²³

Quills are pens made from feathers.



reeds²²

Reeds are tall plants like grass that grow in or near water.



A Bird Called Rosy Spoonbill

Story 21
Glossary, Tracks 11–17

bald¹²

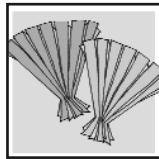
Bald means with little or no hair, fur, or feathers on the head.

extinct¹⁷

If a kind of animal or plant is extinct, all of that kind have died and none of that kind are living anymore. *Dinosaurs became extinct long ago; no dinosaurs have been alive for millions of years.*

fans¹⁵

Fans are things you hold in your hand and wave back and forth to cool yourself off when you are hot.



shaped¹¹

If something is shaped, it has a certain form or outline. *A penny is shaped like a circle.*

swamp¹⁴

A swamp is muddy, spongy land that is often filled with water.

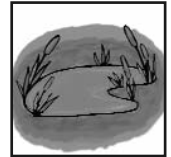


tourists¹⁶

Tourists are people who travel for fun. *The tourists took a bus to see the statue of George Washington.*

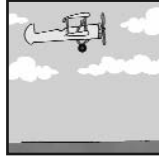
wetlands¹³

Wetlands are areas with a lot of water in marshes or swamps. *People can't build much in wetlands because the ground is too soft and wet.*



²² **flight**

A flight is a trip through the air made by a bird or airplane. *The boy took his first flight on a large airplane.*



¹⁹ **gods**

Gods are beings that some people believe have special powers over nature and life. *The ancient Romans believed in many gods and prayed to them for different things.*

²⁴ **Great Spirit**

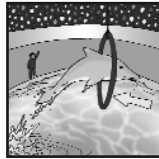
The Great Spirit is the main god in the religion of some American Indians.

¹⁸ **honor**

Honor means to show you think someone or something is important. *The people stood to honor the king.*

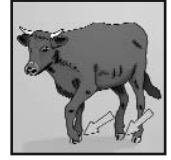
²³ **hoop**

A hoop is a large ring.



²¹ **hooves**

Hooves are the hard coverings on the feet of horses, cows, sheep, pigs, and some other animals.



²⁰ **husks**

Husks are the dry outer coverings of some seeds and fruits. *We take the husks off the ears of corn before we boil the corn.*



²⁶ **powwows**

Powwows are gatherings and ceremonies held by American Indian tribes. Powwows often involve dancing, feasting, singing, and visiting with friends.

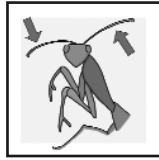
²⁵ **sacred**

If something is sacred, it is holy or has to do with religion. *The church is a sacred place to many people; they go there to pray.*

Interesting Insects

¹⁴ **antennae**

Antennae are the body parts on the heads of insects and some other animals that are used for sensing things.



¹⁶ **eardrums**

Eardrums are thin, tightly stretched parts inside of the ears that help people hear.

¹⁸ **lenses**

Lenses are parts of the eyes that help people and animals see clearly.

¹⁵ **odor**

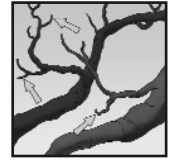
An odor is a smell. *The skunk's odor was so strong that we could smell it for a week.*

¹³ **senses**

Senses are special powers of the body that let people or animals feel, hear, see, smell, and taste. *People have five senses: sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch.*

¹² **twigs**

Twigs are small, thin branches on trees or plants.



¹⁷ **vision**

Vision is the ability to see, or the sense of sight. *Bill has bad vision without his eyeglasses.*

¹¹ **window sills**

Window sills are the bottom parts of window frames.

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²⁰
aspens

Aspens are types of trees with lightweight leaves that flutter in the smallest breeze.



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bitter

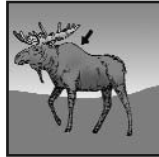
Bitter means severe or very harsh. *My cheeks stung when I stepped out into the bitter cold.*

²³
coat

An animal's coat is its fur, wool, or hair. *The bear's coat keeps it warm in the winter.*

²¹
humpback

A humpback is a back that is curved or humped.

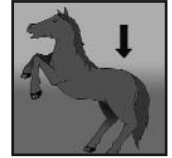


²⁵
paradise

A paradise is a wonderful, beautiful place.

²²
rump

A rump is the back part of an animal.



¹⁹
spot

Spot means to see or notice something. *The eagle will spot the mouse and swoop down to get it.*

²⁶
uninhabited

If a place is uninhabited, no people live there. *Most of the land around the South Pole is uninhabited because it is too cold for people to live there.*

