Wow words: answers and notes

What your child practised: choosing precise verbs and adjectives instead of plain words, and checking the word fits the meaning (Year 3).

Page 1 · Warm up

whispered · tiptoed · delicious · enormous

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. Ideas: snail **slid**, giant **thundered**, rocket **zoomed**, cat **prowled**, ghost **drifted**. Said: ghost **moaned**, giant **boomed**, baby **babbled**.

Page 2 · A. Ring the best word

1 **crept** · 2 **screamed** · 3 **gobbled** · 4 **raced** · 5 **creamy**

Page 3 · B. Sort the wow words

went: **dashed, crept** · said: **whispered, shouted**
nice: **delicious, cosy** · big: **enormous, gigantic**

Page 3 · C. Write a wow word

Any word that fits. For example: 1 **stomped, thundered, marched** · 2 **whispered, murmured** · 3 **delicious, tasty, perfect** · 4 **enormous, gigantic, huge**

Page 3 · D. Two wow words

For example: *The sleepy cat **padded** to its **cosy** bed.*

Challenge: No. "Stomped" is a stronger word, but it means heavy, noisy steps, which doesn't fit a **shy little mouse**. Better: **crept, tiptoed, scurried** or **scampered**. A wow word has to match who is doing it and how.

Watch out for

- **Keeping the plain word.** Ask, "How did it go? Fast or slow? Loud or quiet?" The answer usually leads to the wow word.
- **A fancy word that doesn't fit**, like "stomped" for a mouse. Act it out: can a mouse stomp? The right word matters more than a long one.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Wow word swap:** take turns saying a plain sentence ("The car went down the road") and making it better ("The car zoomed down the road").
- **Story spotters:** when reading together, spot words that show how someone moved or spoke.
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, Super Starts, shows how to begin sentences in different ways.