Story words: answers and notes

What your child practised: the meanings of seven must-know story words, and using them in sentences (Year 3).

Page 1 · Warm up

notice → **see or spot something**
imagine → **picture something in your mind**
decide → **make a choice**

Page 2 · Try it together

Sentences will vary. Check the word is used with its real meaning.

Page 2 · A. Fill the gap

1. promise · 2. describe · 3. decide · 4. notice · 5. surprise · 6. imagine · 7. peculiar

Page 3 · B. Same meaning

1. **odd** · 2. **spot** · 3. **choose** · 4. **picture**

Page 3 · C and D

Answers will vary, e.g. "I **promise** to feed the cat." "Dad got a **surprise** when the cake fell." "I would **notice** a **peculiar** sock that glowed."

Page 3 · Challenge

No. Peculiar means strange or unusual. **Ordinary** is its opposite.

The seven words

notice see or become aware of · **peculiar** strange, unusual · **imagine** make a picture in your mind · **decide** make a choice · **surprise** something you didn't expect · **describe** say or write what something is like · **promise** say you will definitely do something

Watch out for

- **Picking the opposite meaning**, like ordinary for peculiar. Ask "Would you be surprised to see it? Then it's peculiar."
- **Mixing up words that sound alike**, like describe and decide. Say them slowly together and link each to an action: describe = talk about it, decide = choose.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Bedtime word:** pick one story word and take turns using it in a sentence about your day.
- **Story spotting:** listen for the seven words when you read together.
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, Detective Word Clues, shows how to work out new words from clues in a sentence.