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A Shadow

blocks

Blocks means gets in the way of something and stops it. *The hat blocks the sunlight from her eyes.*

disappears

Disappears means suddenly goes away. The best part of the magic show is when the rabbit disappears; suddenly you can't see it anymore.

in front of

If you are in front of something, you are near the part that faces forward. *Put the sign in front of the house so people can read it as they drive down the street.*

long¹⁶

If something is long, one end is far from the other. *She had long hair that hung all the way down her back.*



shade

Shade is a place where sunlight is blocked. *He* sat in the shade of a tree to get out of the sun.



shadow

A shadow is a dark shape made when light shines behind something.

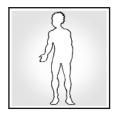


shake

Shake means to move something quickly up and down or back and forth. *Dad will shake the rug outside to get the dirt out of it.*

shape

The shape of something is its form or outline. *A* penny has the shape of a circle, and a book has the shape of a rectangle.



short

Short means not tall or not long. *Some dogs have short tails, and some have long tails.*



What Is a Glacier?

deep

Deep means going down a long way. The pool was deep, so my feet couldn't touch the bottom.

flakes

Flakes are small, thin pieces of things. *I don't like when the flakes of my cereal get soggy.*

flat²⁸

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

float

When things float, they stay on top of the water or up in the air. *Boats float on the water, and balloons float in the air.*

flows²⁵

When something flows, it moves smoothly along. *The river flows through the town*.

mountain²

A mountain is a very high hill. *The top of a mountain can be above the clouds*.



packs

Packs means presses together and gets smaller.

slide²⁴

When things slide, they move smoothly. *It is fun to slide down a hill.*

slippery

If something is slippery, it is hard to walk on or hard to keep in your hands. *A wet floor is slippery*.



slopes²⁷

Slopes are the sides of hills or mountains.



Seashells

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empty

If something is empty, it has nothing inside. *After Pat drank all his milk, his glass was empty.*



flat¹³

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

hunt

Hunt means to look for someone or something. *I have to hunt for my hat; it is somewhere in the house, but I don't know exactly where.*

points¹⁴

Points are sharp ends or tips of things. *The sharpened pencils have points*.

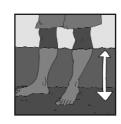


protect

Protect means to keep safe from danger. People wear coats in the winter to protect themselves from the cold.

shallow

Shallow means not deep. *People can walk or sit in shallow water.*



shapes¹²

Shapes are forms or outlines of things. Pennies have the shapes of circles, and books have the shapes of rectangles.



shiny

If things are shiny, they are bright because they reflect light. *The car* was shiny after it was cleaned and waxed.



shore

The shore is the land along the sides of a body of water.



The Blimp

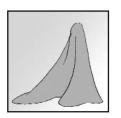
airship²

An airship is a machine that is filled with gas and moves through the air.



cloth²²

Cloth is a material that people use to make many things. *She bought cloth to make curtains, a bedspread, and some clothes.*



enemy

An enemy is someone who is not friendly to you and may want to hurt you.

floating

If something is floating, it is on top of the water or up in the air. *The boat is floating on water, and the balloon is floating in the air.*

gas²³

A gas is like air and can be used to make things burn or make things float. *Helium is a gas we put in balloons to make them float in the air.*

pilot²⁴

A pilot is someone who flies a plane or controls a ship.



steers

Steers means guides something. *A driver steers a car*.

The Thumb

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different

Different means not the same. Julie likes to wear her hair in different styles; sometimes she wears it curly, and sometimes she wears it straight.

grip

When you grip something, you hold it tightly. *You grip the baseball bat when you swing*.

paws

Paws are the feet of animals like cats and dogs.

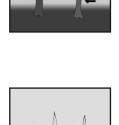


shorter

Shorter means less long or less tall. *The little boy was shorter than his dad.*

thicker¹²

Thicker means wider than something else. *Your leg is thicker than your arm*.

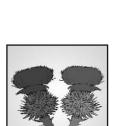


thin¹⁴

If something is thin, its sides are close together. *String is thin, and rope is thick.*

thistles

Thistles are wild plants that have leaves with many thin, sharp points. *When I came from the*



woods, parts of thistles were stuck to my jacket.

thorns

Thorns are sharp points growing on the branches or stems of plants.



Snowstorms and Blizzards

block²³

Block means to get in the way of something and stop it. *Orange cones block roads when they are being fixed.*

dangerous

Dangerous means unsafe or likely to cause harm. *I don't play with fire because it is dangerous.*

different

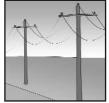
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float²

When things float, they stay on top of the water or up in the air. *Boats float on the water, and balloons float in the air.*

power lines

Power lines are long wires that carry electricity. Electricity moves through power



lines from the place where it is made to the places where it gets used.

stranded

If you are stranded, you need help because you cannot move from a place. *They were stranded on an island until a boat came to rescue them.*

stretch

Stretch means to spread out or cover a space. *They built the bridge to stretch across the river*.

Thunder and Lightning

charges

Charges are amounts of electricity in things.

electric

If something is electric, it uses or has to do with electricity, which is a form of energy.

expands

When something expands, it gets wider or bigger. *A balloon expands when you blow it up*.

flash¹²

A flash is a bright light that comes and goes quickly. *I saw a flash of red when the police car sped by.*

lightning

Lightning is a bright light that moves in the sky during a storm.



rush

A rush is a quick movement of people or things. *The boy was late, so he left in a rush.*

spark

A spark is a short, bright light that is caused by electricity. *I saw a spark when Mom plugged in the old lamp.*

thick

Thick means very close together so there is not much space in between. *The dandelions were so thick you couldn't see any grass.*

thunder

Thunder is the loud sound that comes after lightning.

Louis Braille

blind²

The blind are people who cannot see.

bright²³

People who are bright learn things easily and can solve problems quickly. *The bright girl solved the word puzzle first.*

created²

Created means made something new. There was an empty patch of soil in the yard, so I created a garden there.

dream²⁷

A dream is something a person hopes will come true. *The little girl's dream is to become a doctor*.



frightened²

If you are frightened, you are very afraid or scared. *He was frightened by the big dog*.

grades

Grades are scores that tell how well something was done. *Our teachers gave us grades on our tests to show how many questions we answered correctly.*

libraries

Libraries are collections of books, music, or other materials that people can use or borrow.

pressed²⁶

When something is pressed, it is pushed against hard enough to change its shape. You can see his footprint pressed into the sand from where he stamped his foot down hard.

raised

Raised means higher than the area around it. *The baby could feel the raised pictures in the touch-and-feel book.*

sight²¹

If you have sight, you can see. *My* grandpa is starting to lose his sight, so he got stronger reading glasses.

trapped²²

Trapped means caught, stuck, or unable to get away. *The caterpillar was trapped in a jar so that it could not get away.*

White Whales

loudly

Loudly means in a way that can be heard from far away. *The baby cried loudly when he was hungry*.

whack

A whack is a loud sound something makes when it slaps or hits against something else. *The book fell and hit the floor with a big whack*.

whiskers

Whiskers are long, stiff hairs that grow on the faces of some mammals.



whistle

A whistle is a high sound made by blowing air.

whoosh

A whoosh is the sound that something makes as it moves quickly through air or water. I could hear the whoosh of the cars speeding past me as I stood by the road.

young

Young means not old or started not long ago. *Babies are young, and grandparents are older*.

Trolleys

brake

The brake is the part of a bike, car, or other vehicle that you can use to slow or stop it. *The car stopped when the driver pressed on the brake*.

bright²¹

If something is bright, it shines or gives off a lot of color. *A parrot is a bird with bright feathers*.

draws

Draws means pulls or takes out from something. *The man draws his wallet out of his pocket and takes out some money to pay for dinner.*

drops

When someone drops you off, you are left somewhere. *Mom drops us off at school in the morning*.

front²

The front of something is the first part of it or the part that faces forward. *The front car on a train is the first car.*



pole²

A pole is a long, round stick or rod. *Tran tried to catch fish by tying a string with a hook onto a pole.*



power

Power is energy that is used to make machines, trolleys, and many other things work. *The power went out during the storm, so our lights went out.*

stretch²⁶

Stretch means to spread out or cover a space. *They built the bridge to stretch across the river*.

tracks

Tracks are the two metal lines on the ground that trains or trolleys move on. *Always look both*



ways when you come to train tracks across a road.

travels

Travels means moves from one place to another. *Kate travels on trains*.

wires²⁵

Wires are pieces of thin metal used for carrying electricity. *Wires in a computer help it work.*

What Animal Am I?

excited

Excited means very happy about or really looking forward to something. *She was excited to go to the fair.*

whimper

Whimper means to cry using weak, short sounds.

whine

Whine means to make a long, high sound because of sadness or pain. *Dogs and people sometimes whine when they are upset.*

whinny

Whinny means to make the low, gentle noise that a horse makes. *We heard the ponies whinny to one another in the barn.*

whiskers

Whiskers are long, stiff hairs that grow on the faces of some mammals.



whistle

Whistle means to make a high sound by blowing air.

whooping

Whooping means a loud, hooting cry or shout.

Brass Instruments

brass instruments^{••}

Brass instruments are musical instruments that have cup-shaped mouthpieces and are



often made of brass and other metal.

front²¹

The front of something is the part that comes first. *The person at the front of the line was first to get lunch.*



parade

A parade happens when people move down the street in a long line. *We stood on the sidewalk*



and watched the people walking in the parade.

press

Press means to push hard against something. *When you press a doorbell, the bell rings inside the house.*

pretend

Pretend means to make believe that something is true. *She liked to pretend her doll was alive*.

trick²³

A trick is a quick or clever way to do something. *The trick to opening that door is to push hard.*

trombones

Trombones are musical instruments made of long, bent tubes that slide in and out to make the sounds.



trumpets

Trumpets are musical instruments shaped like bent metal tubes that are wide on one end.



Eating in China

chief

Chief means main or most important. The boy's chief way of going places was riding his bike.

chop

When you chop something, you cut or break it with something sharp. *Lumberjacks chop wood with axes.*

chopsticks¹⁶

Chopsticks are thin sticks that some people use to eat their food.



chunks

Chunks are big pieces of things. *There are chunks of chocolate in the cookies.*

munch¹²

Munch means to chew or snack on something. *Many people like to munch popcorn while watching a movie.*

still¹⁷

Still means not moving. *The students sat so still that they looked like statues.*

stir-fry

Stir-fry is a meal made with cut up vegetables, meat, or fish. Stir-fry is cooked, or fried, with a little oil over high heat.

The Spitting Spider

hunt

When people or animals hunt, they find and kill animals for food.



insect²²

An insect is a small animal with six legs that usually has wings. *A fly is an insect; so is a beetle.*



skinny²

Skinny means slender, or very thin.

spin

Spin means to make a thread from liquid that the body makes. *Caterpillars spin silk and wind it around their bodies to form cocoons.*

spits

Spits means sends spit, food, or liquid out of the mouth. *The baby spits out her food when she doesn't like it.*

still

Still means not moving. *The students sat so still that they looked like statues.*

strange

If something is strange, it is different from what you are used to seeing. Wilma thought the man looked strange because he was wearing a heavy jacket on the hottest day of summer.

trapped²⁵

Trapped means caught, stuck, or unable to get away. *The caterpillar was trapped in a jar so that it could not get away.*

webs

Webs are nets of thin, sticky strings that spiders make to catch bugs.

Chimpanzees

branch

A branch is the long part of a tree that comes out from the trunk like an arm.



chance

A chance is a time or opportunity to do something. *The man was happy he had the chance to see the basketball game.*

change

When things change, they become different from the way they were before.

chief

Chief means main or most important. The boy's chief way of going places was riding his bike.

pick

When you pick something, you take it in your hand and pull it off of something else. *You can pick flowers from a garden*.

reach

Reach means to touch or get hold of something. *If I stand on my toes, I can reach the cookie jar.*

tools

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

Snake Skin

scales

Scales are flat, thin plates that cover the bodies of some animals. *Many kinds of reptiles and fish are covered in scales.*



shed²²

When animals shed, they lose some fur or a layer of skin.



slides

When something slides, it moves smoothly. *A sled slides down a hill*.

splits²³

When something splits, it tears or breaks.

stretches

When something stretches, it gets bigger or longer. *The boy stretches his arms as far as he can when he wakes up.*

stripes

Stripes are long, thin lines of color.



thin²⁰

If something is thin, its sides are close together. *String is thin, and rope is thick*.

The Wheel

cart

A cart is a small vehicle that is used to carry or move things. *At the store, I use a shopping cart to carry the things I want to buy to the clerk.*

easier

Easier means not as hard to do as something else. *Most people think riding a bicycle is easier than riding a unicycle*.

everywhere

If things are everywhere, they are in many places or all over. *In the city, you see cars, houses, and people everywhere.*

exactly

Exactly means without any change or mistake. *He did his work exactly as the teacher wanted, so he got a good mark on it.*

heavy

If something is heavy, it is hard to lift or move. *The piano was so heavy that it took five people to move it across the room.*



invented

Invented means made for the first time.

shape

The shape of something is its form or outline. *A penny has the shape of a circle, and a book has the shape of a rectangle.*

sleds

Sleds are things that slide on ice and snow.



wagons

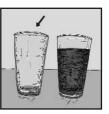
Wagons are carts that have four wheels and are used to carry things.



Stringed Instruments

empty

If something is empty, it has nothing inside. *After Pat drank all his milk, his glass was empty.*



snap²²

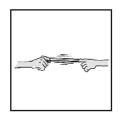
Snap means to pull and let go of in order to make a short, loud noise.

spread²⁷

When you spread something, you open it so it covers a big area. *Mom told me to spread the rug on the floor so the dog can sleep on it.*

stretch

Stretch means to pull something to its full length. *The boy likes to stretch his arms as high as he can when he wakes up.*



strike²⁶ Strike means to hit.

stringed instrument²

A stringed instrument is a musical instrument that has strings, like a guitar or violin.



strum

When people strum an instrument, they move their fingers lightly over the strings. *They strum their guitars while their friends sing*.

tightly

Tightly means in a way that is completely pulled or stretched. *Gwen pulled the string around the box so tightly that it almost broke.*

Shoebills

bills¹²

Bills are the beaks of birds. *Eagles can carry fish in their bills*.



chests¹⁴

Chests are parts of bodies between the necks and the stomachs. *They pinned the ribbons on the winners' chests.*

chicks

Chicks are baby birds. Bluebird chicks are not blue at first; they get their blue feathers as they grow into adult birds.



edges

Edges are thin sides of things. *The broken glass had many sharp edges.*



fresh water

Fresh water is water that does not have salt. *Lakes and rivers have fresh water*.

heavy

If something is heavy, it is hard to lift or move. *The piano was so heavy that it took five people to move it across the room.*



parents

Parents are mothers and fathers. *My* parents came to watch my baseball game.

storks

Storks are birds with long legs, long necks, and long, straight bills. Storks live and feed in shallow water.

The Wasp

guest

A guest is a person who visits other people and places. *My cousin was a guest when he came to our house last week*.

pest²¹

A pest is something that bothers you. *The fly was a pest at our picnic*.

picnic²⁰

A picnic is a meal you eat outdoors, often with a group of people. *We packed food and dishes for our picnic by the lake*.



rest²²

Rest means to stay still or not move much.

shape²

The shape of something is its form or outline. *A penny has the shape of a circle, and a book has the shape of a rectangle.*

sting²³

Sting means to poke someone with a small, sharp body part.

task

A task is a difficult job or assignment. When we moved, my main task was to label the boxes; each label told what was inside.

thin²⁵

If something is thin, its sides are close together. *String is thin, and rope is thick*.

Chocolate Chip Cookies

baked

Baked means cooked in an oven. *The dough baked into bread in the oven.*

bits

Bits are small pieces. *The glass fell and broke into hundreds of tiny bits.*

chances are

Chances are means probably, or there is a good chance of something. *If you are in first grade at school, chances are you are learning how to read.*

chopped

Chopped means cut or broke with something sharp. *The lumberjack chopped the wood with an axe.*

inn

An inn is a place where people can live for a while when they are away from home. *When*



we visited the city, we stayed for a night at an inn there.

melt

Melt means to change from a solid into a liquid. *An ice cube can melt into water*.



rich¹⁹

If something is rich, it has a lot of flavor. *The frosting on the birthday cake was very rich and sweet.*

shape

The shape of something is its form or outline. *A penny has the shape of a circle, and a book has the shape of a rectangle.*

shared

Shared means let someone else use or have something of yours. *I shared my art supplies with Donna because she forgot hers at home.*

The Skunk

downwind²

If you are downwind from something, the wind blows past that thing on its way toward you. *I stood downwind from the bakery, and I could smell the delicious bread.*

front²³

The front of something is the first part of it or the part that faces forward. *The front car on a train is the first car.*

glands²²

Glands are parts of the body that make fluids the body uses. *Sweat came out of his sweat glands*.

hind end²

Hind end means the back end of something. *A zebra's tail is on its hind end*.



hint²⁶

A hint is a tip or clue. *Mom told her a hint about how to solve the puzzle.*

musk²¹

Musk is a strong-smelling substance that comes out of the bodies of some animals. *Some perfumes are made with musk.*

pounds²⁰

Pounds means hits or stomps hard. *He pounds on the door when he wants to get in.*



shoots

Shoots means sends out with great force or speed. *The boy shoots the rocket into the air.*

The Great White Shark

missile

A missile is a long, thin weapon that is shot at an enemy. *A bullet is a kind* of missile, and so is a rocket.



rows

Rows are people or things in lines.

shake

Shake means to move without control and with quick, short movements. *She was so cold that she started to shake and couldn't even hold her coffee cup still.*

shape

The shape of something is its form or outline. *A* penny has the shape of a circle, and a book has the shape of a rectangle.

shoot

Shoot means to move forward with great force or speed. *The rocket will shoot into the air.*

shown

If something is shown, it is put where it can be seen. *The answers in the math book were shown in the back of the book; students could look there to make sure they had solved the math problems correctly.*

tear

Tear means to pull apart or rip. *Luke started to tear the piece of paper in two*.



wide

If something is wide, it is long from side to side. *A triangle is wide at the bottom*. Elk

Antlers are the hard body parts that grow on the heads of deer, elk, and moose.



coats

Animals' coats are their fur, wool, or hair. *Many foxes have orange coats and fluffy tails*.

lick²⁰

Lick means to move the tongue across something. *The kids lick their lollipops*.

mild²

Mild means not too cold, wet, or hot. *The children did not wear coats when the weather was mild.*

molt²⁵

Molt means to lose skin, hair, feathers, or another body covering so that a new covering can grow. *Each year, the snake will molt; it will lose its old skin and grow a new layer.*

points

Points are sharp ends or tips of things. *The sharpened pencils have points*.



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thick²²

Thick means very close together so there is not much space in between. *The dandelions were so thick you couldn't see any grass.*

tilt

Tilt means to lean or tip. *If you tilt too far back on your chair, you will fall over.*

weigh

How much things weigh is how heavy they are. *Feathers are easy to carry because they don't weigh very much.*

