

PLAYING WITH WORDS



There are many great and detailed descriptions in *Shivers!: The Pirate Who's Afraid of Everything*. Below are some tips to create exciting descriptions in your own stories.

A simile is a comparison using the words "like" or "as." For example, "She was so surprised, her eyes were as big as balloons!" Try creating two simile phrases of your own below.

A metaphor is a comparison that does not use the words "like" or "as." For example, "My teacher just gave me a tidal wave of homework!" Write two metaphors below.

Homophones are words that sound the same but have different meanings and spellings. For example, new and knew. Think of 3-5 homophones and list them below.

Dialogue words are a great way to convey an emotion and an action instead of just using the word "said." Below are some starter lists for your characters and stories.

How many more words can you think of to add to these lists?

FOR AN EXCITING SITUATION:

Exclaimed
Rejoiced
Shouted
Cheered

FOR A SCARY SITUATION:

Whispered
Warned
Yelled
Whimpered

FOR TALKING BETWEEN FRIENDS:

Joked
Responded
Laughed
Answered

Standards that can help students meet: Common Core State Standards (Language): L.3.5., L.4.5., L.5.5.
Common Core State Standards (Writing): W.3.3.B., W.4.3.B., W.5.3.B., W.6.3.B.

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