



curiosity

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

Introduce The cat shows curiosity about the mouse. Curiosity is an eager desire to know. Let's say the word together: *curiosity*.

Demonstrate Curiosity made the puppy chase the butterfly. Ben Franklin's curiosity about lightning led him to conduct experiments. A good teacher uses children's curiosity to interest them in a new subject.

Apply How is curiosity related to exploration?

Display Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *curiosity*.

All Together

- I'm going to describe some actions. If you think an action shows curiosity, say "Curiosity." If it does not, say "Not curiosity."
A kitten sees a grasshopper for the first time and sniffs it.
The phone rings, but no one goes to answer it.
A teacher brings in a brightly wrapped box, and the children crowd around.
- I'm going to read you a sentence. *Ginny's curiosity about why things happen makes her a good science student.* What does *curiosity* mean? Let's say the meaning together.





glorious

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

Introduce This sunset is glorious. *Glorious* means “magnificent; splendid.” Let’s say the word together: *glorious*.

Demonstrate We had a glorious vacation. Hilary made a glorious painting of the Rocky Mountains. The chef prepared a meal that was so beautiful to look at and so delicious to eat that it could only be described as glorious.

Apply Would a run-down shack be described as glorious? Why or why not?

Display Now I will write the word on the board. Let’s read the word together: *glorious*.

Team Talk

- On a perfect day, what would you do? Tell your partner the activities, foods, and events that would make the day glorious for you.
- Explain to your partner what it would mean if someone described a castle as glorious. What would it look like? What might be inside it?





granite

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

Introduce This is a granite rock formation. *Granite* means “made from a very hard gray or pink rock that is formed when lava cools slowly underground.” Let’s say the word together: *granite*.

Demonstrate Della rolled out a pie crust on a granite slab. Granite walls are usually polished to a shine. The stone of the granite monument glowed a rosy pink in the sunset.

Apply Why would covering a building in granite slabs help the building last a long time?

Display Now I will write the word on the board. Let’s read the word together: *granite*.

Team Talk

- Tell your partner one reason why granite countertops might be a good choice for a kitchen. Then give a reason why they might not be the best choice.
- Explain to your partner why you think granite rock is very hard. Talk about the way it is formed as you give your explanation.
- Write a crossword puzzle clue for your partner using the word *granite*.





ruins

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

Introduce This house is in ruins. Ruins are what is left after a building, wall, and so on, has fallen to pieces. Let's say the word together: *ruins*.

Demonstrate The governor looked at the ruins of the town. Many cities were in ruins after the war. To learn about ancient Rome, you can study the ruins of its roads and buildings.

Apply How would the ruins left by an earthquake be different from the ruins left by a hurricane?

Display Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *ruins*.

Pencil Talk

- Look at the photograph on the front of this card. Write a sentence describing the ruins. Use the word *ruins* in your description.
- Draw a picture of the ruins of a bridge after a flooded river has broken it. Write a sentence to tell about your picture. Use the word *ruins* in your sentence.
- Complete these sentence frames:

After the Thanksgiving meal, Dad gathered the ruins of the turkey to make _____.

Houses by the river were left in ruins when _____.





terraced

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

Introduce These are terraced hills. *Terraced* means “formed into flat, level land with steep sides.” Let’s say the word together: *terraced*.

Demonstrate Rice grows in terraced fields. The mansion is known for its terraced gardens. The terraced hillsides provided level places where people could build their homes.

Apply Why are gardens on hillsides usually terraced gardens? What would happen if they were not terraced gardens?

Display Now I will write the word on the board. Let’s read the word together: *terraced*.

Pencil Talk

- Draw a picture of a terraced flower garden on a hillside. Write a sentence telling about your picture. Include the word *terraced* in your sentence.
- Complete these sentence frames:
Farmers had made the walls of the terraced field using _____.
Terraced hillsides made the countryside look like _____.





thickets

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

Introduce Thickets like this one are hard to walk through. Thickets are bushes or small trees growing close together. Let's say the word together: *thickets*.

Demonstrate Does hid their fawns in the forest thickets. After the dog ran through the thickets, its coat was full of burrs and seeds. Thickets on either side made the forest path dark.

Apply Are you likely to find thickets in a desert? Why or why not?

Display Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *thickets*.

Action!

- Let's imagine we are hiking in a forest. The path runs out, and ahead of us are thickets. Show how you push through the thickets and how branches snag your hair and clothes.
- Imagine you are in a clearing in the forest. You hear rustling in the thickets around you, but you cannot see what is making the noise. Show how you react when each of the following happens:
 - A fawn steps out of the thickets into the clearing.
 - A bear ambles out of the thickets into the clearing.





torrent

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

Introduce The rain is falling in a torrent. A torrent is a violent, rushing stream of water. Let's say the word together: *torrent*.

Demonstrate The excited child's sentences flowed out like a torrent. A torrent of milk spilled from the broken pitcher onto the floor. The river rushed down the mountainside in a torrent.

Apply What causes a mountain stream to be a torrent?

Display Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *torrent*.

Pencil Talk

- Draw a picture of a waterfall that is a torrent. Show how the water looks as it hits the surface of a pond at the bottom of the waterfall. Then write a sentence about your picture. Use the word *torrent* in your sentence.
- Complete these sentence frames:
At a press conference, the reporters' questions are like a torrent that _____.
We could not use our canoe to travel down the torrent because _____.

