

# Word Meaning Hunt

Teacher-led listening and marking for figuring out new words from short texts.

**CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.4** "Ask and answer questions about unknown words in a text."

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

## 1 CIRCLE IT \_\_\_\_\_

|   |      |           |        |
|---|------|-----------|--------|
| a | shy  | brave     | loud   |
| b | tiny | huge      | sleepy |
| c | jump | disappear | sing   |

## 2 MATCH WORDS \_\_\_\_\_

|         |   |   |            |
|---------|---|---|------------|
| steamy  | • | • | thin       |
| curious | • | • | hot        |
| narrow  | • | • | interested |

**HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE**

Read each short text and each choice aloud. Students listen for the unfamiliar word, use the other words in the text for clues, and mark the meaning that makes sense.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

**PART 1 • CIRCLE IT**

**SAY** “Listen to each tiny story and to the choices in its row. Which word in each row might mean the new word?”

| ROW | SAY                                                                                                                                                    | STUDENTS CIRCLE  |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| a   | Listen: The pup was timid. He hid behind Dad and would not come near the new dog. The choices are shy, brave, and loud. Which word might mean timid?   | <b>shy</b>       |
| b   | Listen: The tree was enormous. It was taller than all the other trees. The choices are tiny, huge, and sleepy. Which word might mean enormous?         | <b>huge</b>      |
| c   | Listen: The rabbit will vanish into the tall grass. Soon, we will not see it. The choices are jump, disappear, and sing. Which word might mean vanish? | <b>disappear</b> |

**PART 2 • MATCH WORDS**

**SAY** “Listen: The soup was steamy, so Mia waited before she tasted it. The kitten was curious and peeked inside the box. The trail was narrow, so only one person could walk on it. Draw a line from each word on the left to the word that means the same thing on the right.”

- **steamy** matches **hot**
- **curious** matches **interested**
- **narrow** matches **thin**

**WHAT TO ACCEPT**

Circle shy, huge, and disappear. Match steamy to hot, curious to interested, and narrow to thin.