Story Word Secrets

Find words that paint a picture or show a feeling.

1.RL.4 "Identify words and phrases in stories, poems, songs, or other texts that have literal (e.g., explicit language) and non-literal meanings (e.g., figurative language) including but not limited to emotions (e.g...."

NAME _____ DATE _____

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

1 CIRCLE IT

a	whispered	wind	trees
b	Dad	laugh	music
c	tummy	butterflies	song

2 MATCH FEELINGS

glowed	•	•	sad
froze	•	•	happy
sank	•	•	scared

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each short story line and the printed choices aloud. Students first identify a word used in a non-literal way, then match story words to the feelings they show.

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 "A story can say, 'My socks are a swamp,' to show that the socks feel very wet, not that they are a real swamp. Listen to each line and the three words I read. Circle the word used in a picture-making way."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The wind whispered in the trees. Whispered, wind, trees. Which word is used in a picture-making way?	**whispered**
b	Dad's laugh was music to me. Dad, laugh, music. Which word is used in a picture-making way?	**music**
c	Before my song, I had butterflies in my tummy. Tummy, butterflies, song. Which word is used in a picture-making way?	**butterflies**

PART 2 · MATCH FEELINGS

SAY "Listen to these lines: 'Ava glowed when she saw her painting on the wall,' 'Ben froze when the door slammed,' and 'My heart sank when I lost my kite.' Draw a line from each word on the left to the feeling it shows on the right."

- **glowed** matches **happy**
- **froze** matches **scared**
- **sank** matches **sad**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle whispered, music, and butterflies. Match glowed to happy, froze to scared, and sank to sad.