

Story Word Hunt

Listen to a rich story, then show what its words mean.

K.RV.1.E "Increase and develop breadth of vocabulary knowledge by listening to high quality, complex text."

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DATE _____

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

1 HEAR AND CIRCLE

a	soft	loud	rough
b	still	noisy	wild

2 WORD MATCHES

narrow	•	•	stopped
gathered	•	•	thin
paused	•	•	collected

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read the short story aloud with expression before students mark the page. Students use the story's context and the spoken choices to connect new words with familiar meanings.

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

PART 1 • HEAR AND CIRCLE

SAY “Listen to this story: “At dawn, Mara crossed the narrow bridge. A gentle breeze rustled the reeds, and the pond stayed calm while dark clouds gathered beyond the hill. She paused to listen as a heron lifted into the pale sky.” For each row, listen to my question and the words in the boxes, then circle one word.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which word means almost the same as gentle: soft, loud, or rough?	soft
b	Which word means almost the same as calm: still, noisy, or wild?	still

PART 2 • WORD MATCHES

SAY “Look at the story words on the left and the words on the right. I will read them aloud. Can you draw a line from each story word to the word that means nearly the same thing?”

- **narrow** matches **thin**
- **gathered** matches **collected**
- **paused** matches **stopped**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle soft for gentle and still for calm. Match narrow to thin, gathered to collected, and paused to stopped.