

Third Grade Reading Series

Story Title	Spelling Words		Vocabulary Words
Officer Buckle and Gloria	sat	grand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> department - a separate part of a large organization, such as a government or business
	felt	stamp	
	last	belt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> audience - a group of people who gather to see or hear a performance, such as a play
	send	lend	
	next	checked	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> obeys - carries out wishes, orders, or instructions
	best	else	
	went	guest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> commands - directions or orders
	hand	attention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> expressions - a way of speaking that shows feeling
	stand	heard	
past	listen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> accident - something bad that happens without being planned noticed - became ware of, saw for the first time 	
Pepita Talks Twice	slip	from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stubborn - headstrong or unyielding
	fish	jump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> grumble - a muttered complaint
	pick	socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mumble- said in a low, unclear way
	rocks	dish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> exploded - burst apart
	lunch	thump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> darted - move swiftly
	gift	frown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> streak - a quick flash of movement
	thing	expression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> languages - systems of sounds and symbols used to communicate ideas
	inch	surprised	
	truck	emotion	
pond	smirk		

<p>Nate the Great: San Francisco Detective</p>	<p>easy grade meet late seat saved pail these reach name</p>	<p>raise leave gain theme scream mystery solve search found investigate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · detective - a person who solves a mystery · specific - exact · positive - completely sure · case - a mystery or problem a detective is working to solve · returned - brought back · definitely - surely · assistant - a person who helps someone do a job
<p>Allie's Basketball Dream</p>	<p>tight while show stone bright whole window time follow close</p>	<p>flight tide grow broke below basketball coach forward dribble guard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Professional - doing something as a job. · Familiar - known well or recognized. · Captain - the leader of a group. · Pretended - made believe. · Aimed - pointed one thing at another. · Monitor - a person who watches over something.

<p>The Olympic Games: Where Heroes are Made</p>	<p>least fast just burst strip stick strike artist almost student</p>	<p>strong start blast straw street events competition stroke teammate distance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ancient - very old. · Host - one who provides the place for an event. · Stadium - an arena or building with rows of seats built around a field. · Compete - to take part with others in a contest of skill. · Earned - gained as the result of effort. · Record - the best performance in a competition. · Ceremonies - formal acts performed in honor of an occasion. · Medals - small, flat pieces of metal given as awards.
<p>Turtle Bay</p>	<p>known written laugh sphere wreck writer wrong wrap wrench knocked</p>	<p>knot wring enough rough wrinkle tortoise dolphin sea horse whale coral</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Message - information that is passed on to someone. · Litter - trash left on the ground. · Trained - taught a person or animal how to do something. · Patiently - in a way that shows a person is able to wait without complaining. · Wise - able to understand important things.

<p>Balto, The Dog Who Saved Nome</p>	<p>shot chance match watch showed shock pushed such crash chew</p>	<p>batch hitched sharp mush speech medicine equipment crutch nurse hospital</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Splinters - sharp, thin pieces that have broken off something. · Telegraph - a device used to send words in code from one place to another. · Trail- a path through wilderness. · Guided - led others to where they needed to go. · Drifts - large piles of snow heaped up by the wind. · Temperature - the measure of how hot or cold something is.
<p>Wild Shots, They're My Life</p>	<p>space stage huge fence price police office engine badge pencil</p>	<p>excite force range ginger giraffe creature strange scaly peculiar unusual</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Curious - full of questions. · Collapsed - fell. · Marine (adjective) - found in the sea. · Delicate - easily broken. · Creature - animal. · Survived - lived.

<p>Little Grunt and the Big Egg</p>	<p>joyful choice voice joint moist spoil royal annoy noise employ</p>	<p>soil loyal boiled destroy pointy earthquake volcano hurricane weather rumble</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Brunch - a meal that comes between breakfast and lunch. · Peaceful - calm and quiet. · Omelet - eggs that are beaten with other ingredients and cooked. · Erupting - blowing out lava, rocks, and gases from a volcano. · Lava - hot, melted rock that pours from an erupting volcano. · Escape - to get away from danger.
<p>Rosie, a Visiting Dog's Story</p>	<p>crown proud however count crowded around south loud house shouted</p>	<p>howl growl bounce fountain sound special trust companion trained behave</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Firm - stern or commanding. · Confident - sure of oneself, certain. · Comfortable - at ease in mind or body. · Approach - to come close to. · Equipment - the things needed or used for a particular purpose. · Program - structured course of activities or training. · Appointment - arrangement for a meeting at a specific time.

<p>The Stories Julian Tells*</p>	<p>brother's brothers uncle's uncles sister's sisters sisters' man's men's child's</p>	<p>girls girl's girls' mine yours truly, tease friendship polite wiggle nuisance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Beyond - past. · Collection - similar items chosen to save. · Mustache - something, usually hair, between the nose and the lips. · Seriously - thoughtfully. · Fastened - attached. · Cartwheel - handspring that turns sideways.
<p>The Talent Show</p>	<p>song law because soft dawn crawl lost taught long pause</p>	<p>frost lawn hawk laundry author sausage cafeteria mustard tablecloth service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Gym - large room used for indoor sports. · Perform - to take part in a public show. · Prefer - to like better than something else. · Recite - to repeat from memory. · Enjoying - having a good time; taking pleasure in. · Billions - a very, very large number of things. · Roam - to wander; to move around without a purpose.

Centerfield Ballhawk	boots grouped shook school looked hood choose brook zoomed balloon	loose soot understood cartoon afternoon season umpire diamond average pitcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Outfielder - a baseball player whose position is in the outfield. · Concentrate - to pay close attention. · Depend- to rely. · Ballhawk - a baseball player who always seems to get to the ball and catch it. · Vanish - to go suddenly out of sight; disappear. · Fault - responsibility for a mistake; blame.
Ramona Forever*	started card park smart star shark mark barber party pardon	tart carpet farther barn announce alarm complain excitement speaker bark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Glanced - took a quick look. · Comfort - someone or something that makes you feel better. · Longed - wanted very much. · Contagious - able to spread by contact. · Prescription - A doctor's written instructions for taking medicine. · Attention - thoughtful care or kindness. · Unexpected - not expected; surprised.

<p>Sayings We Share:</p> <p>Proverbs and Fables</p>	bear	stare	· Summoned - called to come.
	tear	glare	· Fortunate - lucky.
	haircut	sharing	· Generation - people who grow up at about the same time.
	stairs	fairy	· Persistently - repeatedly, without giving up.
	wear	aware	· Faithful - loyal.
	airplane	steady	· Illuminated - lit up; made brighter.
	compare	balance	
	repair	regular	
pear	constant		
prepare	slowpoke		
<p>Papa Tells Chita a Story</p>	forks	court	· Colonel - a person with a certain rank, or position in an army.
	worn	porch	· Soldier - a person who serves in an army.
	form	poured	· Urgent - in need of immediate action or attention; pressing.
	fourth	port	· Brambles - prickly plants or bushes.
	war	important	· Stumbling - moving in an unsteady way.
	storm	exciting	· Outstretched - extended; stretched forward.
	horse	trail	· Weary - tired.
	warn	defend	
morning	marsh		
forest	drown		

<p>Coyote Places the Stars</p>	<p>hear one won way heard flower our flour weigh here</p>	<p>beat herd beet hair hare canyon bright shiny sparkle horizon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Canyon - a narrow valley with steep sides. · Pride - a feeling of happiness and satisfaction about doing something well. · Swiftly - very quickly. · Skillful - showing skill; showing talent for doing something well. · Feast - a special celebration with a large amount of good. · Gazing - looking with a long, steady stare. · Arranged - put in some kind of order.
<p>Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears*</p>	<p>curl birth burned perfect thirty church firm skirt clerk jerked</p>	<p>dirt shirt person purse team fault wrong error trouble reason</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Satisfied - having one's needs or desires fulfilled. · Duty - job or responsibility. · Council - meeting called to find answers. · Mischief - behavior that causes problems for others. · Nonsense - words or ideas that are foolish and have no real meaning. · Tidbit - small piece of something.

Lon Po Po*	<p>pulled</p> <p>begged</p> <p>hugged</p> <p>silly</p> <p>correct</p> <p>latter</p> <p>matter</p> <p>supper</p> <p>common</p> <p>lesson</p>	<p>collect</p> <p>setting</p> <p>bottles</p> <p>different</p> <p>jelly</p> <p>fairy tale</p> <p>cultural</p> <p>grandma</p> <p>courage</p> <p>weave</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Delighted - very happy. · Dusk - the time in the evening just before it gets dark. · Embraced - hugged. · Latch - to lock a door with a movable bar that fits into a slot. · Tender - easy to chew, soft. · Brittle - easily broken or snapped. · Cunning - able to fool or trick; sly or clever.
The Crowded House	<p>faster</p> <p>wisest</p> <p>bigger</p> <p>slowest</p> <p>cooler</p> <p>hottest</p> <p>soonest</p> <p>shorter</p> <p>kindest</p> <p>louder</p>	<p>slimmer</p> <p>wildest</p> <p>tamer</p> <p>whitest</p> <p>strangest</p> <p>characters</p> <p>actor</p> <p>director</p> <p>stagehand</p> <p>orchestra</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Wits - mind, the ability to think. · Wailing (noun) - a loud, long cry expressing unhappiness or pain. · Faring - getting along. · Advice - opinion about how to solve a problem. · Dreadful - very bad. · Farewell - good-bye.

<p>Leah's Pony</p>	<p>sometimes pickup dishwater notebook upstairs football sunshine outdoors hallway timeout</p>	<p>doorway sunset bookcase everyone everything cornfields serious bargain astonish debt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · County - a section of a state. · Auctioneer - a person who is hired to run a public sale. · Bid - the amount of money that is offered to buy something. · Clutched - held tightly. · Glistened - shone or sparkled. · Galloped - ran at a horse's or pony's top speed.
<p>Yippee-Yay!</p>	<p>cowboys horses corral winter always cactus garden tender fifteen basket</p>	<p>welcome lasso market until Monday pillows curtain feather mattress bedspread</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ranchers - people who own a large farm for raising animals. · Tending - taking care of. · Profit - money gained by selling something. · Corral - a fenced-in space for farm animals. · Stray - wandering or lost. · Market - a public place where goods are sold.

Boom Town*	belong	become	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miners - people whose job is working in a mine to extract minerals or ores from the earth. Nuggets - small chunks. Skillet - heavy iron pan used for cooking and frying. Stagecoach - horsedrawn vehicle with four wheels and a covered top. Settle - to make a home in a new place. Boom Town - a community that experiences sudden and rapid growth. Landmark - an object or feature that marks a boundary or identifies a place.
	hotel	motel	
	focus	baker	
	miner	cabin	
	pupil	ocean	
	begin	delicious	
	music	filling	
	future	pastries	
	behind	tasty	
tiger	crumbs		
Cocoa Ice*	blooming	hoping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvest - to gather a crop. Pulp - the soft part of certain fruits and vegetables. Machete - a heavy knife used as a tool for cutting plants. Trading - used for the purpose of exchanging one thing for another. Schooner - a ship that has two or more masts with sails in the front and back. Support - to hold the weight of. Bargain - to talk about a trade in order to get a better deal.
	settled	used	
	stamping	hurrying	
	leaving	buying	
	liked	worried	
	taking	chocolate	
	getting	tropical	
	filled	freezing	
	swimming	iceberg	
rolled	island		

<p>If You Made a Million*</p>	<p>combination action vision motion section nation permission confusion question attention</p>	<p>vacation production quotation tension sensation expensive customer exchange thrifty afford</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Congratulations - an expression said to someone who has won or earned something. · Receive - to get · Amount - the total number of things. · Choices - decisions about what to choose. · Combinations - sets of things grouped together. · Value - worth.
<p>I'm In Charge of Celebrations</p>	<p>farmer useful softly suitable lonely quietly teacher thankful exactly readable</p>	<p>nicer safer harmful playful suddenly breathing pleasant beautiful float gentle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Admiring - looking at with wonder or respect. · Choosy - picky, hard to please. · Average - ordinary, not special. · Signal - to make known, to announce. · Tracks - prints left in the ground by an animal or person. · Celebrations - joyous events that honor holidays, achievements, or happy occasions.

Alejandro's Gift*	<p>pennies</p> <p>buried</p> <p>replied</p> <p>candies</p> <p>emptied</p> <p>stories</p> <p>married</p> <p>copies</p> <p>parties</p> <p>studied</p>	<p>mysteries</p> <p>discoveries</p> <p>worries</p> <p>families</p> <p>ponies</p> <p>adobe</p> <p>marble</p> <p>brick</p> <p>building</p> <p>material</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Shunned - stayed away from. · Cherished - cared about deeply. · Growth - plant life growing in a certain area. · Windmill - a machine that uses the wind to generate power. · Ample - more than enough. · Furrows - long, deep grooves dug into soil.
Rocking and Rolling	<p>it's</p> <p>isn't</p> <p>you've</p> <p>we'd</p> <p>didn't</p> <p>she's</p> <p>we've</p> <p>haven't</p> <p>he'd</p> <p>they'd</p>	<p>there's</p> <p>don't</p> <p>we'll</p> <p>won't</p> <p>he's</p> <p>temperature</p> <p>depth</p> <p>width</p> <p>weight</p> <p>height</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Edges - places where something ends. · Range - a line of mountains. · Peak - the top of a mountain. · Epicenter - the place on the earth's surface just above the center of an earthquake. · Magma - melted rock inside the earth. · Coast - land along the sea.

<p>The Armadillo from Amarillo</p>	<p>water over never under river number wonder tower rather finger</p>	<p>center prefer better border fever mirth laughter chuckle humor giggle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Eventually - sometime in the future, finally. · Converse - talk to one another. · Continent - one of the seven large land areas on Earth. · Sphere - A round object like a ball; a planet. · Universe - everything that exists, including the sun, stars, all the planets and outer space. · Homeward - toward home.
<p>Visitors from Space</p>	<p>simple total apple title central purple signal normal middle able</p>	<p>terrible people medal handle single explore discovery astronaut visible scientist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Fluorescent - bright and glowing. · Force - power that causes motion or change. · Loops - moves in a circling way. · Nucleus - center of a comet. · Particles - tiny pieces. · Solar Wind - continuous flow of gases from the Sun.