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# The Glorious Glossary

January's issue of *Storyworks* features some wonderful words for everyone to learn. Below is a glossary of twelve great terms, each used in two sentences—one plucked from the issue.

**Directions:** Read the words, definitions, and sentences below. Then write a third sentence for each word.

Anxious (**angk-shuss**) *adjective* Worried

1. "Another anxious hopeful had just finished a tap-dance routine." (p. 20)
2. Lisa was anxious about her grade on the big math test.
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Clumsy (**kluhm-zee**) *adjective* Awkward in movement or behavior

1. "Maybe it's because I have orange hair, or have an overbite, or a big nose, or because I'm clumsy." (p. 16)
2. The cast made Morgan clumsy, so she dropped her bag five times on our walk to school.
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Creeping (**kree-ping**) *verb* 1. Moving slowly and quietly 2. Crawling along the ground

1. "It's Dustfinger, creeping in the shadows" (p. 26)
2. We avoided my big brother's water balloon attack by creeping around the back of the house.
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Deceptive (**di-sep-tiv**) *adjective* Misleading

1. "But such images are deceptive." (p. 11)
2. The class discovered that Kate's short legs were deceptive when she outran them all at recess.
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Element (**el-uh-muhnt**) *noun* 1. An environment naturally suited to a person or animal  
2. A simple, basic part of something

1. "Jones, a passionate scuba diver, had long dreamed of swimming with dolphins at sea in their natural element." (p. 10)
2. Chris was in his element on the soccer field.
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# The Glorious Glossary Continued

Esteem (ess-**teem**) *noun* High regard or respect

1. "Please accept this token of my esteem." (p. 19)
2. Dante held his river-rafting grandmother in high esteem.
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Fateful (**fayt**-fuhl) *adjective* 1. Having an important effect on someone's future 2. Signaling something bad about the future

1. "He still curses the fateful day when he read it aloud and his family's life changed forever." (p. 25)
2. On our fateful trip to the Grand Canyon, my sister fell in love with snakes
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Grimly (**grim**-lee) *adverb* Gloomily or unpleasantly

1. "Nica closed her eyes and seemed to grimly surrender to her fate." (p. 9)
2. Tony grimly walked up to the haunted house Frank dared him to enter.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Impressive (im-**press**-iv) *adjective* 1. Commanding attention 2. Making a strong, usually good, impact on people

1. "Basta pushes the prisoners into an impressive room, lit by candles." (p. 27)
2. Our new little league coach has an impressive record for making teams better.
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Phenomenon (fe-**nom**-uh-non) *noun* An unusual or remarkable occurrence

1. "Now, eight seasons later, Fuller's creation has ballooned into a worldwide phenomenon." (p. 21)
2. The class noted the phenomenon when the teacher gave them three days without homework.
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Stabilize (**stay**-buhl-ize) *verb* Make firm, safe, or secure

1. "The scientists from WSPA worked to stabilize the dolphins, feeding them fish filled with medicine, and comforting them with caresses and gentle words." (p. 8)
2. I like to stabilize my house of cards with toothpicks and tape.
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Torments (tor-**ments**) *verb* Upsets or causes someone pain on purpose

1. "Rutger doesn't care if you pay attention to him or not. He torments you anyway." (p. 17)
2. Clarissa torments her sister by stealing her stuffed pony and pretending to lose it.
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