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# The Glorious Glossary

The November/December issue of *Storyworks* features some wonderful words for everyone to learn. Below is a glossary of 11 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.

concocting (kon-kokt-ing) *verb* Inventing

1. "So she was standing before her bedroom mirror concocting one of her famous excuses." (p. 14)
2. Brett enjoys concocting obstacle courses for himself in the backyard.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

contaminated (kuhn-tam-uh-nay-tid) *adjective* Made unfit by the addition of something

1. "The burgers were contaminated with the bacteria E. coli, which can be even more toxic than salmonella." (p. 10)
2. Aunt Lisa accidentally contaminated our bucket of drinking water when she washed her plate in it.
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emitted (ee-mit-ted) *verb* Released something such as heat or light

1. "Krakatoa emitted a mushroom cloud of black, swirling debris." (p. 22)
2. The upstairs apartment emitted a loud sound of saxophone music when the neighbor had his lessons.
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evacuated (i-vak-yoo-ate-ed) *verb* Moved away from an area because it is dangerous

1. "The local police evacuated hundreds of people from their homes." (p. 23)
2. During the tornado drill, we all evacuated our classrooms and went to the basement.
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flinching (**flinch**-ing) *verb* Making a quick movement away from a source of pain or fear

1. "Ichabod trots along, flinching at every sound and shape." (p. 28)
2. Because of the blisters she got during the game, Esmeralda was flinching with every step back to the bench.
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lanky (**lang**-kee) *adjective* Very tall and thin

1. "A lanky fellow enters, entranced by a book." (p. 24)
2. The lanky basketball coach towered over our tiny tennis instructor at the pep rally.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

nautical (**naw**-tuh-kuhl) *adjective* Having to do with ships, sailing, or navigation

1. "Twelve hours later, the wave was recorded at a spot 3,800 nautical miles away—a distance a ship takes 12 days to reach." (p. 22)
2. The masquerade party had a nautical theme, so Marcus dressed as a pirate.
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omen (**oh**-muhn) *noun* Sign or warning about something that will happen in the future

1. "To hear her shriek on a winter night before a storm is a bad omen." (p. 26)
2. I hope spilling my ice cream on my science homework is not an omen about the test tomorrow.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

overhaul (**oh**-vur-hawl) *verb* Examine all the parts of something and make repairs

1. "If passed, it will completely overhaul the system that protects us from dangerous food." (p. 12)
2. We want to overhaul the room: replace the desks with tables, add bookshelves, and put up new posters.
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reverberations (**ri**-vur-buh-ray-shunz) *noun* Several repetitions, as in an echo

1. "And the reverberations caused the ocean to rise higher and higher, before crashing furiously onto the shore." (p. 22)
2. The happy shouts produced reverberations throughout the cave.
3. \_\_\_\_\_

snarling (**snarl**-ing) *verb* Showing teeth and making a growling sound

1. "Her mom picked up the snarling Wormy and locked him in the coat closet." (p. 17)
2. In my head, I'm always snarling at my older brother when he tries to boss me around.
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