

# The Emperor's New Words

The play "The Emperor's New Clothes" has lots of big, fancy words. The royal family might know them all, but you probably don't! In this activity, you will use context clues and the dictionary to match the Emperor's fancy words with the wise child's definitions. Then, you will write a story with the new words.

**Directions:** Match each word on the left with its definition. Then, write a story with the new words.

## Emperor's Fancy Words

1. disembodied
2. resplendent
3. discerning
4. iridescence
5. complement
6. bearing
7. dignitaries
8. retinue
9. throng
10. predicament

## Wise Child's Definitions

- a. able to notice small differences between things
- b. important people
- c. go well with
- d. a large crowd of people
- e. without a body
- f. beautiful, shimmery color and light, like a pearl
- g. the attendants who follow a king or queen
- h. a tricky situation
- i. wonderful and shining
- j. the way a person walks, stands, or acts

## Write Now!

On a separate sheet of paper, write a story using your five favorite words from the list above. You can write about kings, queens, kids, pets, the world outside your window, anything!