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# Old Yeller

Week 7  
Vocabulary



# romp

- The Oregon Trail trip in the 1800's to the West was a **romp** for many kids.
- The girls took their dogs for a **romp** in the park.

# energetic playing

Which activities below would be involved in a **romp**?

- frowning
- yawning
- jumping
- laughing
- tumbling
- studying
- chasing

# strained

stretched to  
the limit, either  
physically or  
mentally

- The boy **strained** to lift the heavy bag.
- I **strained** to see the words on the board from the back of the classroom.

What have you mentally  
**strained** to do?

"I have mentally  
**strained** to  
-----"

# picturing

to form a  
mental image;  
visualize

- I am picturing what the characters in my books look like as I read.
- I was at work picturing myself being in Hawaii, because I needed a vacation.

What would you be picturing yourself doing on your dream vacation?

"While picturing my dream vacation I see  
-----"

# wheeled

to turn or  
quickly or  
suddenly

- She **wheeled** around to see what had made the loud noise behind her.
- He heard his name being called from behind and **wheeled** around to see who it was.

Describe a situation in which you might have **wheeled** around.

"I **wheeled** around when  
-----"

# shouldered

to place on  
the shoulder  
or shoulders  
for carrying

- The dad **shouldered** the boy so he could see over the crowd.
- The hiker **shouldered** her backpack.

Who **shouldered** what?

- The miner **shouldered** the burden of his hard, dirty job.
- The farmer **shouldered** the lamb to take him to get a check-up.

# frantic

- Frightened by the storm, the herd of buffalo began a **frantic** stampede.
- I was **frantic** when I could not find my car keys and needed to be at a meeting in 10 minutes.

wild with  
excitement  
or worry

When was the last time you were **frantic** about something.

"I was **frantic** when  
-----"

# lunging

to make a sudden movement forward

- In the soccer game, the keeper was lunging to stop the ball from going in the goal.
- The students were lunging away from the person who was "it" during a game of tag.

Thumbs up/thumbs down: When would you see a person lunging?

- trying to catch a ball
- putting away dishes
- saving a jar from falling
- writing your name on a paper



# checking

someone who  
is limiting or  
controlling a  
person or thing

- A person driving too fast requires **checking** by the police.
- The sink overflowing with water requires **checking** by a plumber.

Thumbs up/thumbs down: Who is in charge of **checking** students' behavior at school?

- principal
- school mascot
- teacher
- students

# stride

the rhythm of  
your walking  
and the length  
of your steps

- The giraffe took long **strides** to get away from the predator chasing it.
- Pioneers had to match their **stride** to the pace of the wagon so they could keep up.

In what situations would you take longer **strides**?

"I would take longer  
**strides** when  
-----"

# bounding

to leap or  
jump at a  
fast pace

- The deer was **bounding** into the woods to get away from the people.
- The dancers were **bounding** across the stage during their performance.

Thumbs up/thumbs down:  
what animals might be seen  
**bounding?**

- Ants
- Hawk
- Lizard
- Slug
- Snake
- Fish
- Kangaroo