

Wow!

Words

As readers grow in their ability, they will come to words for which they may not know the meaning. This is a GREAT “problem” and opportunity to teach new words to your child!

How to Use this Printable:

- Print off the *Wow! Words* chart for your child.
- When your child comes to (an) unfamiliar word(s) such as *perplexed* or *delight*, wait until the end of the passage or sentence and work together to help your child figure out the meaning of the word.
- If your child is struggling to figure out the meaning, help him use picture clues or clues from the rest of the sentence or passage to figure out word meanings.
- Once you are finished reading the text and talking about the meaning of the word, ask your child to write the new word on the left side of the *Wow! Words* chart.
- On the right side, your child writes down the meaning of the word using familiar synonyms or terms.
- Store this chart in a predictable place, like in a reading or writing folder or notebook.
- As an extension, challenge your child to use the word in his speech or own writing!

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