

**brilliant** 

**Introduce** This diamond is brilliant. *Brilliant* means "sparkling; shining brightly." Let's say the word together: *brilliant*.

**Demonstrate** A brilliant floodlight shone into the dark. A chest of brilliant gold coins glittered at us. As we left the dark cave, the brilliant sunlight on the water hurt our eyes.

**Apply** Could a piece of coal be described as brilliant? Why or why not?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *brilliant*.

# All Together

 I'm going to describe some objects. If you think they look brilliant, say "Brilliant." If not, say "Dull."

> an emerald and diamond necklace a rusted old car the night lights at a baseball stadium

I'm going to ask you some questions.
 Answer "Yes" or "No."

Is a brown moth brilliant?
Is a jeweled gold crown brilliant?
Is twilight brilliant?





chorus

**Introduce** A choir performs its songs in chorus. A chorus is anything spoken or sung all at the same time. Let's say the word together: *chorus*.

**Demonstrate** The delay caused a chorus of groans. Coyotes greeted the stars with a chorus of howls. When Mom asked if we wanted to watch a movie, there was a chorus of all of us saying "yes!"

**Apply** Where are you likely to hear a chorus of grunts and oinks?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *chorus*.

## Team Talk

- Take turns completing this sentence frame:
   At twilight in summertime, you can hear a chorus of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Ask your partner to think of an animal that lives in groups and makes a chorus of noise when excited. Try to describe what the chorus of noise sounds like.
- Discuss with your partner when you might hear a chorus of barks and growls.





coward

**Introduce** A young child may be a coward about facing the unknown. A coward is a person who lacks courage or is easily made afraid. A coward is also someone who runs from danger or trouble. Let's say the word together: *coward*.

**Demonstrate** My bulldog is a coward. No soldier wants to be a coward in battle. At first I was a coward about jumping into deep water, but now I am fearless.

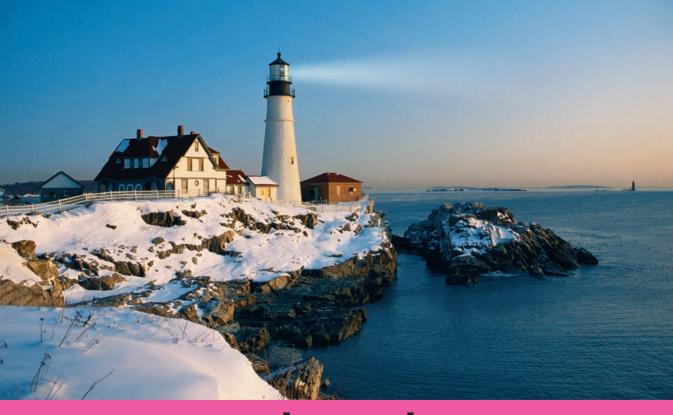
**Apply** If you are very nervous, but you still give your speech, could you be described as a coward? Why or why not?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *coward*.

#### **Action!**

- Show how each of the following would act:
  - a coward who hears a scary, loud yell a coward who feels something crawling over him or her in the dark
- Let's imagine we are walking down a long, dark hallway when suddenly we hear a fierce growl. Show how a coward would react.





gleamed

**Introduce** The beam of light from the lighthouse gleamed into the sky. *Gleamed* means "flashed or beamed with light." Let's say the word together: *gleamed*.

**Demonstrate** The cat's eyes gleamed in the flashlight beam. Dawn gleamed in the eastern sky. I struck a match in the dark, and it gleamed for an instant before the wind blew it out.

**Apply** If water gleamed briefly, what happened?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: *gleamed*.

#### **Pencil Talk**

• Complete these sentence frames:

The snake's eyes gleamed in the cave as
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The copper roof of the building gleamed
when

- Look at the photograph on the front of this card. Write a sentence describing it. Use the word *gleamed* in your sentence.
- Write the word gleamed on a sheet of paper. List other words that mean almost the same thing. Number them in 1-2-3 order, from the dullest to the brightest light.





shimmering

**Introduce** Sunlight and waves create shimmering water. *Shimmering* means "gleaming or shining faintly or unsteadily." Let's say the word together: *shimmering*.

**Demonstrate** Shimmering light made the scene seem mysterious. The jar of fireflies gave off a shimmering light. Moira wore a dress of shimmering green silk.

**Apply** Which is more likely to give off a shimmering light—a spotlight or the moon in a cloudy sky?

**Display** Now I will write the word on the board. Let's read the word together: shimmering.

# All Together

- I'm going to describe some lights. If you think they give off a shimmering light, say "Shimmering." If not, say "Steady."
  - a flashlight which has batteries that are almost dead the headlights of a car moonlight shining on the sea
- I'm going to read you a sentence. The waterfall caused a shimmering rainbow. What does shimmering mean?

