



brilliant

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

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

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

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

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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

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

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 I _____.

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

Routine for Lesson Vocabulary

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?

