

Unit 5 Texts

Unit 5 *Words in Motion!*

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Vocabulary Snapshots



Dragonfly by Georgia Heard

This is **skims**.



Describe **skims**:

This is a **dragonfly**.



Describe **dragonfly**:

"Dragonfly" Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is a **gnat**.



Describe **gnat**:

This is a **mosquito**.



Describe **mosquito**:

This is **blur**.



Describe **blur**:

“Dragonfly” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is **flicker**.



Describe **flicker**:

This are **flies**.



Describe **flies**:

These are **outspread** wings.



Describe **outspread**:

"Dragonfly" Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*



This is a **dock**.



Describe **dock**:



This is a **stained-glass window**.



Describe **stained-glass window**:

"Dragonfly" Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*



This is a **pond**. (A) →

Describe **pond**:



This is a **pond**. (B) →

Describe **pond**:

Dragonfly

By Georgia Heard

It skims the pond's surface,
Searching for gnats, mosquitoes, and flies.
Outspread wings blur with speed.

It touches down
And stops to sun itself on the dock.

Wings flicker and still:
Stained-glass windows
With sun shining through.



Vocabulary Snapshots

Sparklers

by
Mark Vinz

This is a **sparkler**.



Describe **sparkler**:

This is **twirling**.



Describe **twirling**:

“Sparklers” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

These are **loops**.



Describe **loops**:

These are **grownups**.



Describe **grownups**:

These are **lawn chairs**.



Describe **lawn chairs**:

"Sparklers" Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is a glow.



Describe **glow**:

These are bare feet.



Describe **bare feet**:

“Sparklers” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is **slippery grass**.



Describe **slippery grass**:

This is a **porch light**.



Describe **porch light**:

“Sparklers” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is Independence Day.



Describe **Independence Day**:

Sparklers

By Mark Vinz

Twirling our frantic loops and circles,
We cried out *look!* to the grownups
Watching from their lawn chairs,
Afraid they'd somehow miss the
Giddy slash of every turn and leap
Until the last glow died and we went back,
Warned each time about burnt hands
And bare feet flying in slippery grass.
Again! We shouted, and ran as far
Beyond the porch light as we dared,
For this was Independence Day
And we were too busy to listen,
Writing our names in thin air.



Vocabulary Snapshots

clothesline

by
Ralph Fletcher

This is a clothesline. →



Describe clothesline:

This is an orange towel. →



Describe orange towel:

“clothesline” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is **pinned**.



Describe **pinned**:

This is a **breeze**.



Describe **breeze**:

This is **puff up**.



Describe **puff up**:

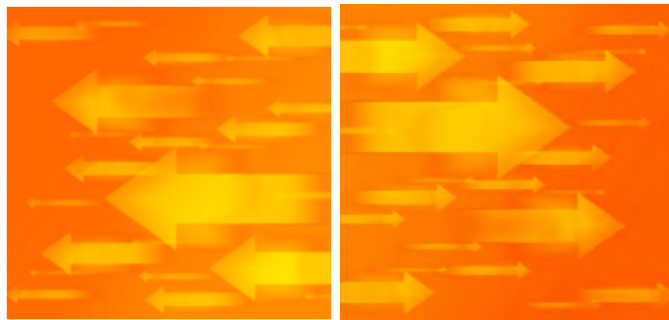
“clothesline” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is the **wind lifting**.



Describe **wind lifting**:

This is **horizontal**.



Describe **horizontal**:

clothesline

By Ralph Fletcher

There's an orange towel and
two white t-shirts pinned
at the waist all trying to
dry themselves in the
breeze.

Filled with air the two t-shirts
puff up with sudden bodies
real and muscular which
vanish when then wind
dies.

The wind lifts the towel until
it lies horizontal as if trying
to screw up the nerve
to let go and
fly



Vocabulary Snapshots

kitten
by
Valerie Worth

This is a **kitten**.



Describe **kitten**:

This is **arched** stiff.



Describe **arched** stiff:

"kitten" Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is **leaps**.



Describe **leaps**:

This is **pounces**.



Describe **pounces**:

This is **nose level**.



Describe **nose level**:

"kitten" Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

These are **hind legs**.



Describe **hind legs**:

This is **cactus clawed**.



Describe **cactus clawed**:

kitten

By Valerie Worth

The black kitten,
Arched stiff,
Dances sidewise
From behind
The chair, leaps,
Tears away with
Ears back, spins,
Lands crouched
Flat on the floor,
Sighting something
At nose level,
Her eyes round
As oranges, her
Hind legs marking
Time: then she
Pounces, cactus-
Clawed, upon
A strayed
Strand of fluff:
Can anyone
Believe that she
Doesn't ask us
To laugh?



Vocabulary Snapshots

hose
by
Valerie Worth



This is a **hose**.



Describe **hose**:



This is **squeeze water**.



Describe **squeeze water**:

"hose" Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*

This is a silver rod.



Describe **silver rod**:

This is mud.



Describe **mud**:

This is a diamond chain.



Describe **diamond chain**:

“hose” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*



This is a **rainbow**.



Describe **rainbow**:

hose

By Valerie Worth

The hose
Can squeeze
Water to
A silver rod
That digs
Hard holes
In the mud,

Or, muzzled
Tighter by
The nozzle,
Can rain
Chill diamond
Chains
Across the yard,
Or, fanned
Out fine,
Can hang
A silk
Rainbow
Halo
Over soft fog.



Vocabulary Snapshots

A Writing Kind of Day

by
Ralph Fletcher

This is **raining**.



Describe **raining**:

This is a **drop in a puddle**.



Describe **drop in a puddle**:

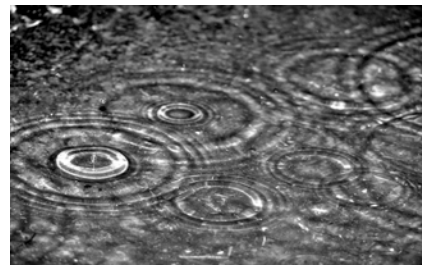
“A Writing Kind of Day” Vocabulary Snapshots - *continued*



These are **tiny circles**.



Describe **tiny circles**:



These are **ripples**.



Describe **ripples**:

A Writing Kind of Day

By **Ralph Fletcher**

It is raining today,
a writing kind of day.

Each word hits the page
like a drop in a puddle,
creating a tiny circle

of trembling feeling

that ripples out
and gathers strength
ringing toward the stars