

WILD
The Wordsmyth Illustrated Learner's Dictionary

for pre-K to Grade 2 readers

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About this Book

This unique picture dictionary has two sections, **World**, and **Collections**, designed to help children understand words and meanings. Each section facilitates a different mode of learning.

World encourages the learning of words in real-world settings. Each word makes sense to the learner in a particular context, and this context helps the learner to understand the meaning of the word.

Collections enable learning by showing groups, and categories and the words that help us understand the ideas that relate things to each other. Knowledge about the real world links words and meanings in a network. Identifying these clusters of meaning will help children start weaving their knowledge network. Don't be surprised if what they already know suddenly makes more sense to them.

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How to play the WILD EXPLORER game

★ Here is a great way for young learners to have fun reading through the first section of the book, preferably along with a teacher, a parent, or another family member.

Reading is usually a quiet activity that you do by yourself. But not always! In this book, each section starts with a table of contents that is also a game board! Two or more readers can play a reading game while exploring the book together. Turn the page and sneak a peek at the game board for the World section.

Here are the rules for exploring the Settings in the World section.

1. Each player flips a coin to decide who starts first. If there are two players, heads goes first. If there are three or more players, whoever gets the most heads out of five flips goes first. The person with the next highest number of heads goes next, and so on.

2. To start the game, the first person flips the coin.

Heads = move forward or backward one step

Tails = move forward or backward two steps



3. Any spot you land on will have a color and a number. The number is the page number you must go to in order to find the Setting. (The name of your Setting is in the bubble nearest to where you landed.) Once you find the right page, here is what the color of your square means:

★ If you land on an **orange** spot: read the writing in the orange box out loud. (Remember your location on the board! Now it is the next player's turn.)

★ If you land on a **green** spot: read the writing in the green box out loud. (Remember your location on the game board! Now it is the next player's turn.)

★ If you land on the **blue** spot: pick another player to read the writing in the blue box out loud to you. It will be a word riddle! If you guess it right, you can move 3 steps forward or backward as a bonus. (Remember your location on the board! Now it is the next player's turn.)

4. You can keep track of how many boxes you read and how many riddles you solve on a piece of paper. You get two points for each box you read and one point for each riddle you solve.

5. You can also make up your own rules if you want to try different activities with this book.

6. Have fun!





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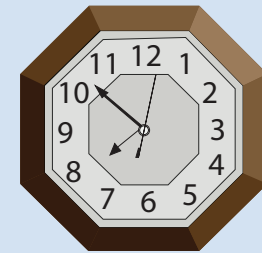
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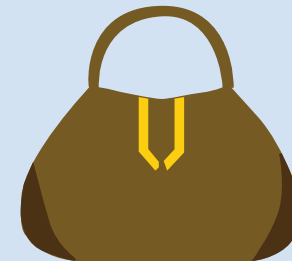
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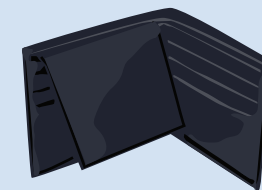
Bank



clock



purse



wallet



money

Fun Fact!

Did you know that banks don't keep all of people's money in the building of the bank? They only keep a small part of the money there. They do other things with the rest of the money until people want to take their money out again. The money that is in the bank building is kept in a locked place called a "vault."



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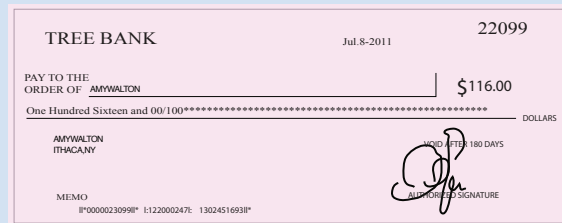
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check



Definition:

A **bank** is a place where people keep their money safe. When people keep their money in a **bank**, we say they have an "account" at the **bank**. People can put money into their account any time they want, or they can take it out when they need it.



Jomo says,

"Sometimes when I go to the bank with my mom, we don't go into the bank building. She stops by a machine outside the bank, and she gets some money from the machine. She says the machine is called an ATM."



Who am I?

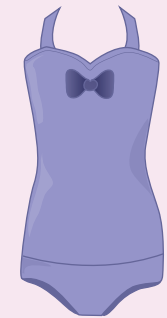
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I start with a **G** and end with a **D**.
People feel safe because of me.
I stand in the bank and watch everyone.
It may not seem like a lot of fun.
But my job is important, so it's OK.
It makes me feel good in a special way.

Department Store



dress



bathing suit



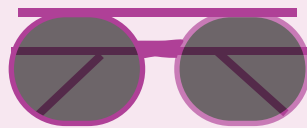
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socks



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sun glasses



shorts



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