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Powerful Verbs



Copy out this passage replacing the underlined verbs with more powerful ones. Some have been suggested for you, but try to think of at least 5 of your own.

Once upon a time there lived a little girl called Goldilocks. One day, Goldilocks was walking in the forest and found a house. She knocked on the door, and when nobody answered, she decided to go inside. At the table there were three bowls of porridge. Goldilocks was hungry. She tried the porridge from the large bowl. "This porridge is too salty!" she said. She tried the porridge from the medium bowl. "This porridge is too sweet!" she said. She tried the porridge from the small bowl. "This porridge is just right," she said and she ate it all up. Goldilocks felt tired, so she walked into the living room and saw three chairs. She sat in the large chair to rest her feet. "This chair is too big!" she said.

strolling	wandering	exclaimed	stumbled	d upon
slipped	gulped	sneak	spotted	hammered
discovered	gobble	creep ed si	slurped ghed	sipped

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Puss <u>put</u> some lettuce in the bag, pretended to be dead and waited. Soon, a curious rabbit <u>put</u> its head in. Puss <u>picked</u> up the bag and caught it. He then <u>put</u> the bag over his shoulder and set off for the palace, where he <u>gave</u> the rabbit to the king <u>saying</u>, "This is a gift from my master, the Marquis of Carabas." The next day, Puss pretended to be dead again and caught a pair of partridges. Again, he took them to the palace and told the king they were from the Marquis of Carabas. One day Puss heard the king would be <u>going</u> past a nearby river in his royal coach. Puss told his master to <u>take</u> off all his clothes and bathe in the river. When the king's carriage <u>came</u> in to sight, Puss began to <u>say</u> loudly, "Help, help! My lord the Marquis of Carabas is drowning!"

stuffed	peeked	slipped	snuck	snatched	
rolled	'	riding		swept	grabbed
shout	strip shout		swung		slung

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One day, the magic mirror told the queen that Snow White was the fairest in the land. The queen was very angry and told one of her huntsmen to kill Snow White. The huntsman found Snow White but instead of killing her he told her about the queen and so Snow White went away to the forest. While walking through the forest, she found a strange little house. She went inside where she found that the house was very messy! When the queen heard where Snow White was living, she disguised herself as an old lady and went to find her. When she found the little house, she gave Snow White a poisoned red apple. As soon as Snow White took the first bite, she fell down fast asleep!

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hiding		slipped	slumped
	offered	stumbled upon	strolling