WORD EXPLORERS

Your Word Passport

At each stop, pick one word you can use in a sentence. Write it beside the place and put a tick in the box when you have tried it out loud.

1	**Playground**	_____	☐
2	**Market**	_____	☐
3	**Workshop**	_____	☐
4	**After the Rain**	_____	☐
5	**Forest Trail**	_____	☐
6	**Ocean**	_____	☐
7	**Airport**	_____	☐
8	**Outer Space**	_____	☐

Try using two passport words in the same sentence.

Your First Mission

A word can help you find a shortcut, describe a strange sound, or explain why your knees shook on a wobbly bridge. Visit eight places with Maya and Leo. At each stop, try these three steps.

Read it. Say the word aloud and read what it means.

Spot it. Find the word in the story or look for what it describes.

Use it. Say or write a sentence of your own.

YOUR ROUTE

1 At the Playground

2 At the Market

3 In the Workshop

4 After the Rain

5 On the Forest Trail

6 At the Ocean

7 At the Airport

8 In Outer Space

At the Playground

balance
To stay upright without falling
I hold out my arms to **balance** on the beam.

grip
To hold something tightly
Grip the rope with both hands.

wobble
To move unsteadily from side to side
The bridge starts to **wobble** when I step on it.

leap
To make a big jump
I **leap** over the puddle.

steady
Firm and hardly moving
The platform feels **steady** under my feet.

beneath
Under something
A red ball rolled **beneath** the bench.

The Wobbly Bridge



Maya stepped onto the rope bridge. It began to **wobble**.

"**Grip** the ropes," Leo called. "One in each hand."

Maya held both ropes and took a slow step. She could **balance** if she kept her eyes on the other side.

Halfway across, she saw their red ball **beneath** the bridge. She pointed at it and nearly fell.

"I'll get it," said Leo.

By the time Maya reached the **steady** wooden platform, Leo was back with the ball. A puddle stood between him and the steps.

"Think you can **leap** over it?" Maya asked.

Leo looked down at his clean socks. "I think I can walk around it."

Try These Words

1. Match each clue to a word. Use each word once.

grip · leap · beneath

A Hold the rope tightly. _____

B Make a big jump. _____

C The ball is under the bridge. _____

2. Choose the answer.

The rope bridge moves from side to side. It begins to wobble / balance.

_____



3. Finish the sentence.

I had to balance when I ...

_____

At the Market

weigh

To find out how heavy something is

Let's **weigh** the peaches on the scale.

ripe

Ready to eat or pick

The **ripe** peach smells sweet.

stall

A stand or small booth where things are sold

I bought apples at the fruit **stall**.

bargain

Something that costs less than you would expect

Two peaches for the price of one is a **bargain**.

fresh

Recently picked, made, or prepared

The stall sells **fresh** bread baked this morning.

change

Money given back when you pay more than the price

I paid five dollars for a four-dollar bag and got one dollar in **change**.

The Peach Test



At the fruit **stall**, Maya picked up a peach and smelled it.

“That one is **ripe**,” said the seller. “We also have **fresh** berries. I picked them this morning.”

Leo pointed to two baskets. “The little basket looks cheaper.”

“Let’s **weigh** them,” said Maya. Both baskets held the same amount of fruit. One cost four dollars and the other cost six.

“Four dollars for the same amount?” Leo said. “That’s a **bargain**.”

He handed the seller five dollars. She put a one-dollar coin in his hand.

“Your **change**,” she said.

Leo looked at the peach. “I think I’ll keep that, too.”

Try These Words

1. Match each clue to a word. Use each word once.

weigh · ripe · stall

A Find out how heavy the peaches are. _____

B Ready to eat. _____

C A booth where fruit is sold. _____

2. Choose the answer.

A bag costs four dollars. You pay five dollars. The dollar you get back is a bargain / your change.

_____



3. Finish the sentence.

Something fresh I've seen at a market is …

_____

In the Workshop

measure
To find the size, length, or amount of something
Use a ruler to **measure** the board.

sturdy
Strong and firm
The **sturdy** stool does not rock.

attach
To join one thing to another
We **attach** the hook to the board.

smooth
Even, with no rough bumps
This side of the wood feels **smooth**.

edge
The place where a surface ends
Draw a line along the **edge** of the paper.

tighten
To make something less loose
Turn the screw to **tighten** it.

The Rocking Stool



Uncle Dan set the old stool on his workbench. One leg rocked when he pressed the seat.

Maya used a ruler to **measure** the legs. They were all the same length.

“So one of the screws must be loose,” said Leo.

Uncle Dan showed them how the screws **attach** the legs to the seat. He used a screwdriver to **tighten** the loose screw.

Maya ran a finger over the rounded **edge** of the seat. “This feels **smooth**.”

Uncle Dan set the stool on the floor and pressed the seat again. It did not move.

“Now it’s **sturdy** enough for my toolbox,” he said.

“Or for lunch,” said Leo.

Try These Words

1. Match each clue to a word. Use each word once.

measure · attach · tighten

A Find out how long each leg is. _____

B Join the legs to the seat. _____

C Make a loose screw less loose. _____

2. Choose the answer.

After the repair, the stool no longer rocks. It feels sturdy / smooth.

_____



3. Finish the sentence.

I could use a ruler to measure ...

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END OF FREE SAMPLE

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