

## Lesson 11

### Loved Best

**swooned-** If you had a terrible shock or surprise that made you faint or fall, you might have swooned.

**astonished-** When you are amazed and surprised by something, you are astonished.

**encouraging-** An encouraging word from a friend can make you feel that you can do something well.

**brief-** If something is brief, it does not take much time.

**chuckling-** If you are chuckling, you are laughing quietly to yourself.

**soothing-** Something that is soothing makes you feel calm.

**sobbed-** Someone who sobbed cried very hard.

**praised-** If you praised someone, you told that person that he or she did something well.

**envious-** If you feel envious, you want something that someone else has.

**rivalry-** People who have a rivalry are competing against each other for something.

## Lesson 12

### A Pen Pal for Max

**deciphered-** If you have figured out a message that is difficult to understand or that is written in code, then you have deciphered it.

**mistaken-** If you are wrong about something, you are mistaken.

**translate-** If you translate something, you say or write it in another language.

**repairs-** When something needs repairs, it needs to be fixed.

**heaving-** Heaving is throwing something heavy with great effort.

**bothersome-** When something is bothersome, it bothers you and causes problems

**din-** If there is a din, there is so much noise that it is hard to hear anything over it.

**dodging-** When you are dodging something, you avoid something that is coming toward you.

**catastrophe-** A catastrophe is something really terrible that has happened.

**fortunate-** If you are fortunate, you are very lucky.

## Lesson 13

### A Tree Is Growing

**tugged-** If you tugged something, you pulled it hard.

**paused-** If you paused, you stopped what you were doing for just a moment.

**columns-** A column is a tall, circular structure that holds up part of a building.

**absorb-** Something absorbs a liquid if it soaks up the liquid.

**protects-** When you protect something, you keep it safe.

**rustling-** When objects are rustling, they are moving and making soft sound.

**dissolve-** When something dissolves, it mixes completely with a liquid.

**particles-** Tiny pieces of something are called particles.

**scavenger-** An animal is a scavenger if it collects leftover and unwanted objects.

**self-sufficient-** If something is self-sufficient, it makes everything it needs.

## Lesson 14

### One Small Place in a Tree

**sprout-** When something sprouts, it begins to grow.

**damp-** If something is damp, it is a little bit wet.

**suppose-** When you suppose something, you think that it is happening or that it is going to happen.

**roost-** A bird will try to roost, or settle, in trees or on branches.

**spears-** If someone spears something, he or she sticks something sharp through it.

**strikes-** When something strikes people, it hits them or happens to them.

**glimpse-** When you get a glimpse of something, you get only a quick peek at it.

**maze-** If you are in a maze, you are in winding paths that are like a puzzle.

**transformation-** If someone or something has gone through a transformation, it has been changed.

**harmony-** If two things are living in harmony, they are living in agreement, living peacefully.

## Lesson 15 (Review)

### Ask the Experts

**luscious-** Something that is luscious appeals to your senses, such as your sense of taste.

**expertise-** If someone has expertise, he or she knows a lot about a particular topic or skill

**issue-** An issue is an edition of a newspaper or magazine.

**advice-** If you give someone advice, you tell what you think the person should do.

**consult-** When you consult someone, you ask him or her for information.

**recommend-** When you recommend something, you tell someone that you think it is good.

**sensible-** Someone who is sensible makes good decisions and judgments.

**devise-** To devise is to figure out a way to do something.

**correspondence-** If you send correspondence, you are communicating in writing.

**shudder-** If you shudder, you are trembling from fear or from being cold.