Storylords 07

What are you doing?

Stamping on the table...

[Thump thump]

And on the floor.

These are my stamp collection pages.

Do they always come in big envelopes?

Uh-huh.

Do you want something?

There's this word in my story.

Listen.

"emma folded her letter and put it in the...

"en...en...

That word. What is it?

You already know it.

Read the next sentence

And see if you can figure it out.

"she took it downstairs

"to the mailbox.

"tomorrow it would be

On its way to the president."

When you don't understand something, look for clues.

Remember?

It has to do with the letter.

"then she mailed the letter."

What do you put a letter in?

One of these, an el...eno...

Wait a second.

Remember the clues

And try saying the word really slowly.

"en-vel-op-ee."

Again.

"en-vel-op-ee... En...

"envelope!"

Right.

"emma folded her letter

And put it in an envelope."

Now *I* get it. Thanks.

Hey, don't go.

My children,

You must make haste to the land of *Mojuste*.

Thorzuul is once again wreaking his horrible havoc.

He's being bad.

Hurry!

Ready?

Let's go.

"thunder and lightning, trumpets and drums,

Readers rejoice, a storylord comes!"

Hey, where did he go?

He *was* right here.

I'll go this way. You go that way.

There you are!

Please don't hurt me.

We won't hurt you. We're your friends.

You weren't sent by Thorzuul?

No way!

We're apprentice storylords

Sent to help you.

I'm mandy and my brother's *Norby*.

I'm zandro.

If you're storylords, maybe you can help me.

Look at this. It's from Thorzuul.

"i watch dan...dan..."

I'll come back to that.

"i watch *somethings* by the hour.

"is it a weed, or is it a flower?

"they grow in my lawn, gold as the sun.

Bring me a bunch, or you'd better run!"

"danel...dan...

"dan..."

Hey, you found him!

Yeah, he needs help.

What were you telling me about figuring out words?

I was telling you

Exactly what mrs. Framish said.

Today we're going to learn

How to read words that we don't know.

Sometimes, those words are new to us.

We've never heard them before.

Other times, we know what a word sounds like,

But not what it looks like.

Is there a word like that here?

Angie, will you read?

"hansel and gretel

"were locked in a candy cage.

"it's long, thin bars

"were made of lic...lic..."

I don't know that word.

Does anyone recognize that word?

No?

Let's continue reading.

Let's see if we can find some clues that will help us.

"some were black and some were red.

They all tasted sweet and delicious."

That was very good work.

Let's go back to that word we didn't know.

Let's be word detectives.

What clues can we find

To help us figure out what that word means?

Norbert?

Hansel and gretel

Were put in a *candy* cage.

The bars on the cage must be candy.

Very good, detective Norbert.

How did you know the sentence about the bars

Was about the bars in the cage?

Because the word "its" refers to the candy cage

In the first sentence.

Good work.

You found an important clue.

Has anyone else found more clues

To figure out our mystery word?

Jason?

It says the bars were long and thin,

Some black, and some red.

It must be long, thin candy

That's black or red.

Another important clue.

Angie?

It's something that's sweet and delicious, too.

What clue tells you that?

It says, "they all tasted sweet and delicious."

"they" is about the bars.

Good work, all of you.

Now, let's go back to that word,

And let's think about all of our clues.

It's a candy.

It can be black or red,

And it tastes sweet and delicious.

Jason, why don't you try for us?

"licor..."

A little slower.

"li-cor-ice."

Good. That's the way it looks.

Try it again and use short vowel sounds

Instead of long ones.

"lic-cor-is."

A long, thin candy

That can be either black or red.

"lic-cor-is...licorice!"

Yes! I'll bet you know what licorice is.

You just didn't know what it looked like.

Let's read the passage now.

Angie, read for us.

"hansel and gretel

"it's long, thin bars were made of licorice.

"some were black and some were red.

They all tasted sweet and delicious."

Remember, when you read a word you don't know,

Be a word detective.

Try to figure out what it means.

Look for clues in the sentences around the word.

Say it in different ways

Until it sounds like a real word,

Until it makes sense.

You may discover it's a word you already know,

Like licorice.

If you're a good word detective,

You'll be a good reader.

Now, take your reading books out.

We'll practice what we just learned.

Turn to page 31.

Let's see if you're good word detectives.

If you're good word detectives,

You'll be good readers.

So let's check this note for clues.

Ha ha ha!

Here comes you-know-who.

I'll keep him busy

While you figure it out.

"i watch dan... Dan...

"whatever-they-ares by the hour.

Is it a weed, or a flower?"

There's a clue.

It flowers, but looks like a weed.

"they grow in lawns..."

Another clue.

"gold as the sun.

Bring me a bunch, or you'd better run!"

We've got three clues.

It's a flower that looks like a weed.

They grow on lawns.

They're gold in color.

"danel...dan..."

Hurry!

He's coming around the bend.

"dan-de-lions."

"dan-de-lions."

"dan-del-ions."

Dandelions!

Gold flowers that grow on the lawn.

My dad says they're weeds.

Hey, look.

Well,

Where are my flowers?

Or couldn't you understand my note?

Ha ha ha!

Ha ha ha!

No. *I* couldn't.

Oh, no, what a pity.

Ha ha ha!

That is, until these two showed up.

I beg your pardon?

Your dandelions.

How did you figure it out?

I knew you'd never seen it .

I read on and looked for clues

That would help me understand it.

Then *I* figured out how to say the word,

Thanks to you two.

You two.

I've had just about enough of *you two.*

We'd better be going.

I hope you're not allergic to dandelions.

Home.

Me? Allergic to dandelions?

Ridiculo...

Ah-ah-ah-choo!

Bless you.

Milkbreath, get me out of here...

Ah-choo!

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