



Title: <i>Knight Owl</i>	Author: Christopher Denise
Genre/Unit: Narrative	Warm Up: Once There Was a Night Owl

Objective: Inferring and character work

Standard: ELA Vocabulary Acquisition

Knowledge Building: knights, castles, armor, defense, protection
Owls, nocturnal animals

Vocabulary

Tier 2 Word	Page	Student Friendly Definition (kids.wordsmyth.net, collinsdictionary.com, ldoceonline.com)
drift	6	To move slowly, usually carried by an outside force; to move without a specific destination
clever	6	Smart; intelligent; quick thinking or learning
persevere (concept word)	12,	To keep going even when something is difficult
assign	13	To give a job or task (<i>assignment</i>)
tremble	27	To shake from fear, weakness or cold; shiver
common	33	Ordinary; not special; shared by many
confident	Concept word	Being sure about your abilities; certain; positive; convinced

Warm Up Poem:

Once There Was a Night Owl

Once there was a night owl
 Who lived up in a tree.
 He could often spot things
 That others couldn't see.
 Little, night owl, answer me.
 What do you see,
 As you sit alone at night
 up in the tree.

Unknown



Page #	Accountable Talk	JOYcabulary
	Vocabulary, comprehension strategies, think alouds, and student talk.	Getting students to own their words: speaking, reading, and writing.
Before Reading	Let's study the cover. Look closely at the owl. What words can we collect to describe him? Back Blurb: Hmm...So it's saying a real hero has to be smart, have a kind heart, and a good sense of humor. Do you agree? T&T	Knight-night Night watch
During Reading P. 1-2	Look at owl. What do you think his wish may be? Look at dad's face. How is it different from mom's face?	
P. 6	Notice how the ellipsis signals a change is coming. It sets up the reader's anticipation for the next page.	Anticipation Drift Clever
P. 7	Huh? I wonder why knights are disappearing. (See dad's newspaper on P. 1)	
P. 8	How does dad feel about owl going to Knight school? Mom? Why were they surprised when owl was expected?	Gather words to describe feelings.
P. 10	Why is owl having these problems?	"nodding off"
P. 11-12	How does the picture highlight the challenges owl faced?	persevere
P. 13	Word play Why would an owl be good at the knight night watch?	Knight night watch Nocturnal assign
P. 27-28	How is this an example of being clever? (Connect to 3 Billy Goats Gruff) Wow! Look at the difference in their size! What does this tell you about owl? Wait! I think I now know why the knights are disappearing (see P. 1 & 7).	Clever tremble
P. 32	Huh? Where did the pizza come from?	
P. 33-34	What is happening here and why?	common
P. 35-36	So... let's infer. Why have the knights stopped disappearing?	



After Reading	What messages/lessons are the author sharing with us? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Size ● Strength ● Bravery ● Friendship 	
	Let's go back to P. 17 and pay attention to how Owl becomes more <i>confident</i> . Why and how does this happen?	confident

Extensions:

Yea or Nay?

- A *clever* student asks interesting questions.
- The little boy *trembled* when he heard the thunder.
- The baby was *assigned* to wash the dishes after Thanksgiving dinner.
- Snow is *common* in the summer.
- You *drift* along on a lazy river.
- Lara was shy, so she was *confident* she would make friends in her new school.
- The frustrated worker *persevered* when he tossed his tools and walked away.

Writing Craft Moves:

- Ellipsis P. 6
- Twin sentences P. 27

Related Titles:

- Owls – Laura Marsh
- Owls – Gail Gibbons
- Whooo Knew? The Truth About Owls – Annette Whipple
- Knights in Shining Armor – Gail Gibbons

tremble



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confident



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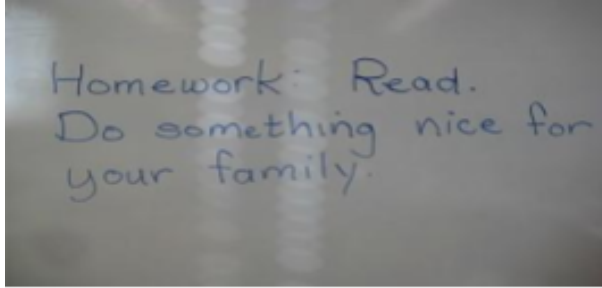
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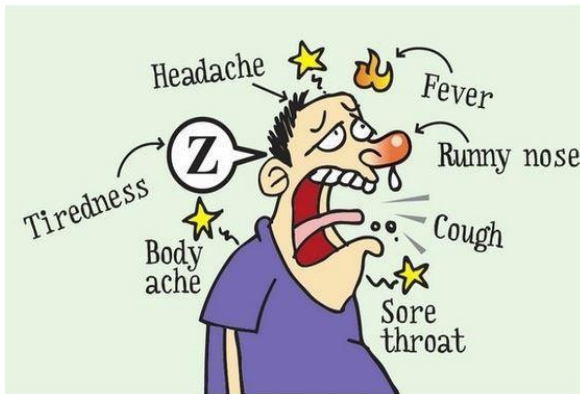
persevere



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Common Cold

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