



JOYcabulary



Title <i>Big Words for Little People</i> <i>Big Words for Little Geniuses</i>	Author Jamie Lee Curtis Susan & James Patterson
Genre Word collection; ABC book	Shared Reading Words

Synopsis: Both books introduce new words in a fun way. Not only do they provide definitions, they give examples of their use. *Big Words for Little People* contains words food everyday use. *Big Words for Little Geniuses* challenges you to pronounce these big words that are fun to say. Who wouldn't love *catawampus* and *kerfuffle*?

Vocabulary: *Big Words for Little People*

Word	Page	Student Friendly Definition
privacy	4	When you can't be seen by others
stupendous	7	Causing amazement or wonder
consequence	9	Something that follows an action; result
considerate/inconsiderate	21-22	showing/not showing regard for the feelings and needs of others
responsible	22	To do something because it is right to do or it is your job; to accept blame
perseverance	23	Always willing to try again and not give up

Vocabulary: *Big Words for Little Geniuses*

Word	Page	Student Friendly Definition
alarming	3	Something that causes you to be frightened
delightful	6	Something that gives you joy or pleasure
enchanted	7	Something that is very pleasing

Shared Reading:

Words

I like words like
Lickety-split
Whacky-doo
Slippity-slap
And hullabaloo.

I like words like
Zippity-zoom
Zippity-zap
Gurgly-glug
And flippity-flap.

I like words that
Twist and jerk
To make my tongue
Do some work.

Jill Eggleton

Reading

Page #	Accountable Talk	JOYcabulary
Before Reading	We learn words from everywhere and everyone. When we hear a new word, always ask <i>What does that mean?</i> Be word conscious! Let's get ready to learn some new words.	
P 1 - 8	Let's pause a minute. What did you notice about this book so far? Yep - it rhymes. Let's go back and say the rhyming words. Did you notice how the BIG words are written? Why do you suppose the illustrator did that?	privacy impossible stupendous
P 9 - 16	Why do you suppose the illustrator made the girl's face red on P9? Let's see if we can find kids in the picture that are <i>cooperating</i> on P 11-12. How are <i>appropriate</i> and <i>inappropriate</i> alike?	consequence cooperate appropriate/ inappropriate
P 17 - 22	Look! There's that pattern again: <i>considerate/ inconsiderate</i> .	considerate/ inconsiderate
P 23 - 30	BIG words can really show your intelligence. The cool thing is you will keep learning new words your whole life! Do you agree that <i>love</i> is the biggest big word?	persevere respect intelligence

Next Steps

- What to Read Next: *Bigger Words for Little Geniuses* - Susan & James Patterson and *Merriam-Webster's Word of the Day: 366 Elevating Utterances to Stretch Your Cranium and Tickle Your Humerus*
- Choose some genius words to try out. Practice saying them. Think about when you might use them. Watch the expressions on adults' faces when you do!
- What other words might fit the pattern of *appropriate/ inappropriate?* (*sincere/insincere; complete/ incomplete*)