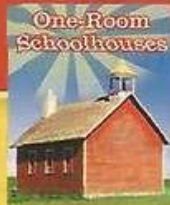


Lesson

1



TARGET VOCABULARY

principal

soared

strolled

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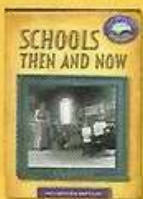
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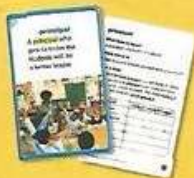
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Vocabulary
Reader



Context
Cards



Vocabulary in Context

1 principal

A **principal** who gets to know the students will be a better leader.



2 soared

Colorful kites **soared** high in the sky at the school's cultural fair.



3 strolled

Students and their families **strolled** for miles to raise money for charity.



4 worried

This boy is **worried**. He is afraid rain will ruin the class field trip.



- Study each Context Card.
- Use two Vocabulary words to tell about an experience you had.

5

proud

These young actors feel **proud** of their terrific performance in a school play.



6

announced

Each day, a different student **announced** school news over a loudspeaker.



7

fine

The sun shines and the air is clear. It is a **fine** day for the school yard sale.



8

certainly

We **certainly** should turn off lights when not using them. This surely saves energy.



Background

✓ TARGET VOCABULARY **Ways We Learn** Imagine if your principal strolled in and announced you had to go to school all year long. What if you had to sit in class while the summer temperatures soared outside? What if you worried about tests on Saturdays instead of learning to swim? School is certainly important, but you can also be proud of useful things you learn from your family at home, like riding a bike or cooking a fine meal. We can learn new things every day, no matter where we are.

Learning at School	Learning at Home
Math	How to make a sandwich 
Science	How to plant a garden 
Reading	How to ice skate 
Social Studies	How to knit or sew 

Comprehension

✓ TARGET SKILL **Story Structure**

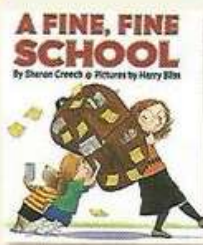
Where does *A Fine, Fine School* take place, and who are the characters? What problem do the characters face, and how do they solve it? Use a story map like this to keep track of the characters, setting, and plot of the story.

Characters	Setting
Plot	

✓ TARGET STRATEGY **Summarize**

Use details about the characters, setting, and plot on your story map to summarize, or retell in your own words, the important parts of *A Fine, Fine School*. As you summarize, you'll better understand how the story parts work together.

Main Selection



TARGET VOCABULARY

principal	proud
soared	announced
strolled	fine
worried	certainly



TARGET SKILL

Story Structure Name the setting, character, and plot in a story.



TARGET STRATEGY

Summarize Tell the important parts of the story in your own words.

GENRE

Humorous fiction is a story that is written to entertain the reader.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Sharon Creech

When Sharon Creech is working on a book, she sometimes gets stuck. She doesn't know what to write next. When that happens, she goes for a long walk, does some laundry, or cleans the bathroom. Then she returns to her computer and starts writing again.



MEET THE ILLUSTRATOR

Harry Bliss

Sharon Creech thinks the illustrations Harry Bliss drew for *A Fine, Fine School* are very funny, especially the ones with Tillie's dog in the background. Bliss is a cartoonist whose comic strip appears in daily newspapers. He and his family live in Vermont.

