

# a SNICKER of MAGIC

SPLENDIFEROUS BOOK OF ACTIVITIES AND WORDS

Dear Reader,

Hi, I'm Felicity Pickle, and I have a secret I'd like to share with just you: **words are magical**. At least, they are for me. You see, I'm a **word-collector**. I see words all over the place—dancing in the moonlight, **shimmering** above my little sister's ponytail—even tangled in my dog's ears! I tuck the best of them away in my blue notebook—or **SCRIBBLE** them on my shoes—so that I can always have them handy. You never know when you might need a super **spindiddly\*** word.

Not everyone collects words the same way. Some people hear them **BUBBLE UP** in a conversation or catch them lounging in the creases of a favorite book. Fill this booklet with words that open doors, create worlds, and tell stories about people and places you might never expect. Who knows? Maybe you'll even discover your own **snicker of magic**.

*\*That's my way of saying "better than awesome."*



## What a Character!

Felicity Pickle is highly observant, especially when it comes to people. The words she sees flitting around them not only make great collectibles, they also give her a peek into who that person really is. As you read, write down each character's words here. What can *you* infer about each person from the words that surround him or her?

Rosie, p. 176: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Florentine, pp. 143, 150: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jonah, pp. 40, 180, 193, 208: \_\_\_\_\_

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Boone, pp. 109, 112, 117-118, 278: \_\_\_\_\_

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**?** What does the change in Boone's words on pages 118 & 278 tell you about him? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Perspicacity:** *n.* understanding or insight into things; shrewdness

Do you know somebody so interesting, you think they should be a character in a book? Or maybe you've got an original character of your own in your head. Think about the words that would describe what that person looks like and write those words on the **blue** lines. Then, think about the words you would see slinking around that person—words that share their story, personality, thoughts, and emotions—and write those words on the **red** lines.

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(character name)

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## The Fantabulous Word Factory

Felicity knows some magnificent words, but her favorites are ones you can't find in a regular dictionary. As you read, collect five of Felicity's own special words here and write down the definition she invented.

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(word)		(definition)
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**?** Think you've got a knack for words? Felicity's words are made up of smaller word parts. For instance, *spindiddly* fuses the sounds of *spin* and *did* (which together sound like a fun version of *splendid*) with the adjective suffix *-ly*. Pick another of Felicity's words—what can you decipher about it from its smaller parts?

**Neology:** *n.* invention of a word or phrase

Concoct your own catchword here. Start by writing down four of your favorite words. Choose a tidbit from each one that you enjoy the sound of. Then fuse them together with one of the suffixes provided, and top it off with a definition. An example is filled in for you.

EXAMPLE: 1. Luminous 2. Hiccup 3. Fabulous 4. Wonder

Lumi + hic + fab + der + ly =

**Lumihicfabderly:** when a star twinkles more than any other in the sky

Favorite words:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(definition)

### Suffix Bank

Choose a suffix to create a noun (n.) or an adjective (adj.).

-able, -ible : *adj.* can be done

-ly : *adj.* characteristic of

-ful : *adj.* full of

-ion, -tion, -ation, -ition : *n.* act, process, occasion, attraction

-ous, -eous, -ious : *adj.* possessing the qualities of

-ity, -ty : *n.* state of

-er, -or : *n.* one who

## Finding Home

What makes *home*? Follow along in the book as Felicity searches for the answer, and in the box below, record the words she associates with *home*.



Take a look at the words you captured above, and write down a one-sentence definition of what *home* means to Felicity.

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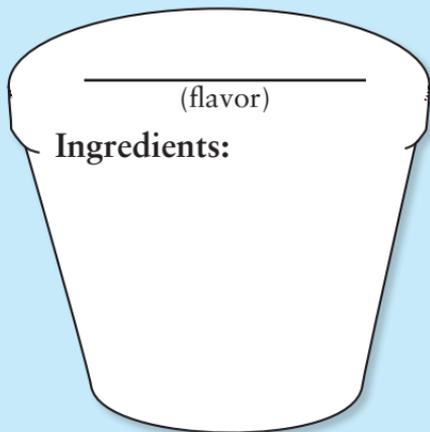
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Do those words mean home to you, too? Add your own words to describe home.

**Dwell:** v. to live in a place; to keep attention on something

## Dr. Zook's Sweet Stories

If you could submit an ice cream flavor to Dr. Zook's Famous Ice Cream Factory, what would it be? Collect all of the special ingredients you'd put in your ice cream. Then, record the name and the story of how your ice cream came to be.



It all started when...

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**Delectable:** *adj.* pleasing, delightful; delicious

## Wondrous Word Wall

Just like her artist mother, Felicity has a knack for creating pictures of people, places, and things. She just uses words instead of paint. Use this space to write down all of your favorite words. You can arrange them however you'd like.



**Illumination:** *n.* art of decorating letters, words, or pages in hand-written books



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