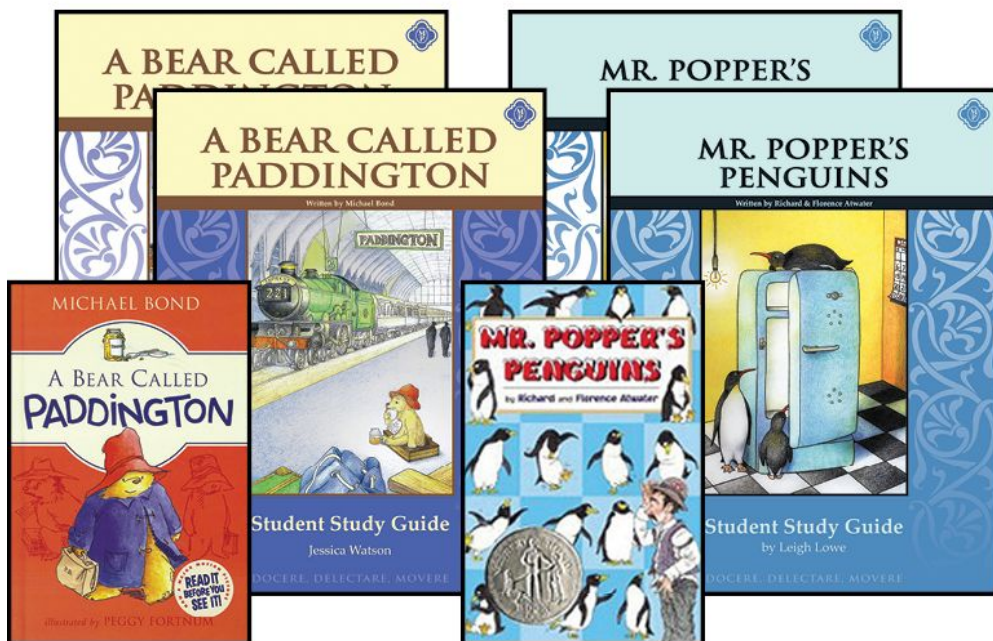


# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Literature

## Vocabulary and Definitions



## A

**Abandoned** - left behind

**Abroad** - traveling far and wide

**Absent-minded** - forgetful

**Accustomed** - used to; familiar with

**Acquired** - collected or gained over time

**Acres** - acre; an area of land; 4840 square yards

**Adjourned** - officially ended

**Aggravating** - greatly annoying

**Ailed** - bothered

**Ajar** - slightly open

**Aloft** - into the air

**American Revolution** - U.S. war for independence from Britain, 1776

**Amid** - in the middle of

**Analysis** - examination; study

**Anchor** - heavy hook that holds a ship in place while in the water

**Anxiously** - with anxiety; with worry

**Appealing** - to attract through other means

**Apprentice** - one who works in return for instruction

**Aromatic** - scented

**Ascended** - moved upward

**Askew** - bent to one side

**Assured** - guaranteed; certain

**Avalanche** - snow or landslide

## B

**Baggage** - luggage

**Bailing** - dipping water out as with a bucket

**Balk** - to stop short and refuse to go on

**Banked** - piled coals to keep them hot  
**Battered** - damaged due to lots of use  
**Bawling** - crying  
**Belatedly** - behind schedule  
**Beaming** - smiling widely  
**Berths** - bunk beds  
**Bestirred** - roused; moved  
**Bewilderment** - confusion  
**Bloodthirsty** - violent  
**Blubbered** - sobbed noisily  
**Blundered** - moved carelessly, clumsily  
**Boasted** - bragged  
**Boosted** - pushed  
**Bored** - drilled  
**Bothered** - troubled or worried  
**Bounty** - generous amount  
**Briskly** - quickly; with spirit  
**Broadening** - educational  
**Bungalow** - small house  
**Bureau** - governmental agency  
**Burly** - strong and rough

## C

**Calcimine** - whitewash  
**Campaign** - intense activity for a specific purpose  
**Captivity** - state of being held against your will  
**Carousing** - rowdy celebration  
**Catering** - serving  
**Cellar** - basement  
**Chaff** - hard outer covering of grain  
**Charred** - partially burned

**Chorus girls** - theatrical dancers  
**Chronicle** - newspaper  
**Civility** - politely  
**Clattering** - noisily  
**Clergyman's collar** - white band under a black shirt collar  
**Cloak** - cape  
**Clustered** - grouped  
**Clutched** - held tightly  
**Colossal** - gigantic  
**Commotion** - noisy, confused activity  
**Compartment** - a part that has been sectioned off  
**Compunctions** - uneasiness caused by guilt; remorse  
**Consented** - agreed  
**Considerable** - long amount of  
**Consult** - to ask for advice  
**Contradict** - to speak against  
**Contribution** - offering; gift  
**Corridor** - hallway  
**Credit** - a loan  
**Crestfallen** - shameful and sad  
**Crevice** - crack  
**Crook** - curve or bend  
**Cross** - upset; angry  
**Cultivate** - to prepare; to tend  
**Currycomb** - grooming tool  
**Customary** - usual

## **D**

**Daintily** - delicately  
**Dappled** - spotted  
**Daresay** - to think likely

**Dawdle** - to waste time; to be slow  
**Debris** - waste  
**Dejected** - disappointed; discouraged  
**Delectable** - delicious, tasty  
**Delicate** - fragile  
**Demolished** - destroyed  
**Descriptive** - vivid; expressive  
**Dignified** - mannerly  
**Dismal** - gloomy  
**Dodo** - a large, clumsy, flightless bird  
**Despairingly** - sadly or hopelessly  
**Deportment** - manners  
**Derby** - hat  
**Desolation** - loneliness  
**Destiny** - fate, future  
**Detected** - identified  
**Detested** - strongly disliked  
**Dewy** - wet with morning dew  
**Dignity** - pride; self respect  
**Dimly** - vaguely; faintly  
**Dimpling** - making indentations in  
**Distastefully** - disagreeably  
**Distinctly** - clearly or plainly  
**Distinguish** - to earn recognition  
**Distinguished** - special  
**Distribute** - to deliver, give out  
**Donate** - to give, usually money, to a person or cause  
**Dreaded** - feared greatly  
**Drifts** - banks or piles  
**Droll** - amusingly odd or comical  
**Drowsed** - napped  
**Drowsy** - sleepy  
**Drudge** - to do dull, tedious work

**Dry Ice** - solid carbon dioxide

**Dubiously** - doubtfully

## E

**Eagerly** - with anticipation

**Ecstatic** - joyful; elated

**Electrified** - excited, thrilled, enthralled

**Emigrated** - to leave one's country to move to another country

**Endure** - to bear, tolerate

**Engineer** - design specialist or technologist

**Entitled** - has a right to

**Erect** - straight up

**Escalator** - a moving staircase for carrying people up and down

**Evidently** - apparently

**Exertions** - physical efforts; work

**Exhausted** - very tired; out of energy

**Exhibit** - display

**Expanses** - open spaces

**Expeditions** - journeys or trips for a specific purpose

**Expressman** - package delivery person

**Extinct** - no longer existing or living

## F

**Faint** - difficult to hear; not loud

**Faint-hearted** - cowardly

**Faintest** - least

**Fast** - tight

**Favorable** - positive, complimentary

**Festooned** - decorated or trimmed

**Fidgeting** - moving restlessly  
**Fiercely** - excessively  
**Figure** - to calculate with numbers  
**Floundered** - struggled helplessly  
**Formations** - arrangement  
**Frail** - fragile  
**Furnish** - provide  
**Furrows** - plowed rows

## G

**Gangplank** - walkway  
**Gaunt** - lean  
**Gay** - happy  
**Gaze** - to look at steadily  
**Gangling** - awkwardly tall, long-limbed  
**Glutton** - one who habitually overeats  
**Gorge** - a binge of overeating  
**Gouged** - roughly grooved or cut  
**Grateful** - appreciative  
**Gratified** - pleased; satisfied  
**Grimly** - sternly, harshly  
**Gritty** - sandy  
**Groping** - feeling about with one's hands  
**Grubby** - dirty  
**Gullible** - easily deceived

## H

**Haggard** - gaunt and tired  
**Hallowed** - honorable

**Hastily** - quickly  
**Hatchet** - small short-handled ax  
**Headlong** - head first  
**Heathen** - uncivilized  
**Heaved** - lifted with difficulty  
**Heft** - weight  
**Hewed** - chopped; carved  
**Hoarse** - rough-voiced  
**Hoisted** - lifted; pulled up by a device  
**Horrified** - shocked  
**Hotly** - angrily  
**Husk** - remove outer leaves  
**Husky** - hoarse  
**Hustle** - hurry  
**Hysterics** - exaggerated, uncontrolled emotions

## I

**Icebox** - refrigerator  
**Idiosyncrasy** - peculiar habit  
**Idle** - to be inactive  
**Impudently** - disrespectfully  
**Immense** - very large  
**Incessant** - endless; continuous  
**Indignantly** - with annoyance  
**Indulgence** - tolerance  
**Injustice** - unfairness  
**Influence** - sway  
**Innocently** - without knowledge  
**Inquiry** - question  
**Inquiring** - questioning, inquisitive  
**Inquisitive** - curious



**Intense** - extreme

**Intention** - plan

**Interlude** - a short break between two larger segments of music

**Intermission** - a pause or break between acts

**Irregular** - not conforming to normal rules or customs

**Irritable** - angry or annoyed

## **J**

**Jostling** - pushing or shoving

## **K**

**Keen (CW)** - sharp, highly developed

**Keen (FB)** - sharp

## **L**

**Lacerated** - cut

**Lair** - den

**Languishing** - growing weak

**Latched** - secured; hooked

**Lather** - soapsuds

**Lavishly** - generously; extravagantly

**Liabile** - likely

**Lief** - readily; willingly

**Listless** - tired, no energy

**Litter** - animal siblings born at the same time

**Loathed** - strongly disliked

**Lugged** - dragged burdensomely  
**Lurched** - rolled or pitched suddenly; jerked  
**Lure** - to attract

## **M**

**Mangers** - open boxes holding feed for livestock  
**Marching Drills** - parades  
**Marveling** - looking in awe  
**Masterpiece** - greatest work  
**Meekly** - humbly and gently  
**Mellow (CW)** - pleasant, subtle  
**Mellow (FB)** - moist and rich in nutrients  
**Mercilessly** - without compassion  
**Merely** - only; simply  
**Modest** - humble  
**Monotonous** - unchanging  
**Moodily** - gloomily  
**Mortified** - embarrassed  
**Municipal Ordinance** - city law  
**Mussed** - in disarray; out of order  
**Mustering** - summoning or gathering up

## **N**

**Notions** - ideas  
**Novelty** - new  
**Nuisance** - someone or something that is an irritation or an inconvenience

## O

**Objectionable** - offensive, unpleasant

**Oblige** - to help

**Obliged** - thankful

**Obviously** - easily seen or understood

**Oddly Assorted** - unusual group of

**Ominous** - menacing, threatening

**Opening** - opportunity

**Outraged** - angry

## P

**Panting** - breathing heavily

**Pantry** - area for food storage

**Peculiar** - unusual; abnormal

**Peddler** - traveling salesman

**Peered** - peeked

**Penalty** - a punishment or consequence for wrong behavior

**Perspiration** - sweat

**Pestering** - bothering

**Pitted** - indented

**Placidly** - calmly, peacefully

**Pleadingly** - with begging

**Pleas** - excuses; begging

**Pliable** - flexible

**Plumed** - feathery

**Plunged** - fell forcefully

**Pompous** - full of exaggerated pride

**Portable** - easily moved; not permanent

**Precariously** - unsteadily  
**Precision** - accuracy  
**Preserve** - save  
**Pried** - opened with leverage  
**Principal** - main; primary  
**Prised** - to pry something open  
**Promptly** - immediately; quickly  
**Prostrate** - lying flat on the floor  
**Protest** - resist; object  
**Proud** - deeply satisfied  
**Prowling** - sneaking  
**Publicity** - the technique or process of attracting the attention of the public  
**Pummeled, Buffeted, Biffed** - all three are synonyms for “beaten”

## Q

**Quaked** - shook violently  
**Queer** - strange  
**Queuing** - waiting in line for a turn  
**Quivered** - trembled  
**Quivering** - trembling

## R

**Racked** - shook  
**Racket** - loud noise; clamor  
**Radiant** - glowing, sending out warmth  
**Rambled** - talked incessantly  
**Rapped** - knocked  
**Reapers** - crop harvesters

**Relieved** - comforted  
**Reluctantly** - with regret  
**Renewing** - extending  
**Reproach** - scold  
**Retorted** - replied  
**Retreating** - backing up  
**Retrieve** - to pick up or bring back  
**Revived** - restored to consciousness  
**Rickety** - likely to collapse  
**Riotous** - enthusiastic  
**Riveted** - fastened  
**Romp** - lively play; frolicking  
**Rotogravure** - photography section  
**Rosy** - red-cheeked and healthful  
**Rousing** - waking  
**Rummaging** - searching in an untidy manner  
**Runt** - smallest of the litter

## **S**

**Sapling** - a young tree  
**Savage** - fierce  
**Scalding hot** - hot enough to burn  
**Scarcely** - hardly; barely  
**Scour** - to polish by scrubbing  
**Scrolls** - rolls or ribbon shapes  
**Scruples** - conscience; restraint  
**Scuffling** - wrestling  
**Scuttled** - scurried  
**Sedately** - calmly, in an unhurried manner  
**Sensation** - loved by audiences  
**Sensible** - wise

**Sentiments** - statements based on emotion  
**Sharply** - abruptly; with an edge in her voice  
**Shawl** - cloth worn as a head and shoulder covering  
**Shear** - to cut wool from  
**Shears** - scissors  
**Sheepishly** - embarrassed by one's foolishness  
**Shrewd** - crafty; clever  
**Shrieking** - howling  
**Shrill** - high-pitched noise  
**Singeing** - scorching or burning  
**Sixes and Sevens** - in disarray  
**Skinflint** - a person who is selfish with their money  
**Sleek** - smooth; slick  
**Slight** - small  
**Slit** - small cut  
**Slope** - side of a small hill  
**Slogan** - a phrase used in advertising to get attention  
**Sneered** - spoke in a scornful or contemptuous manner  
**Snuffled** - breathed noisily; sniffed  
**Soberly** - seriously  
**Sociable** - friendly  
**Solemnly** - seriously  
**Soothingly** - in a calming manner  
**Spar** - box  
**Speckled** - sprinkled  
**Spectacle** - remarkable sight  
**Spectacles** - eyeglasses  
**Splodged** - splotched or smeared  
**Spoil** - ruin  
**Squirming** - wriggling or twisting  
**Stammered** - stuttered  
**Startled** - surprised  
**Stealthily** - sneakily

**Stealthy** - sly, secretive  
**Sternly** - seriously, firmly  
**Stout** - strong, sturdy  
**Straddled** - stand with one leg on each side  
**Straddling** - walking with one foot on either side  
**Strain** - stress; pressure  
**Stupor** - near-unconsciousness; deep sleep  
**Subdued** - hushed, muted, quiet  
**Substantial** - valuable, lasting  
**Suitable** - appropriate; fitting  
**Sulking** -pouting  
**Sullen** - moody  
**Summoning** - gathering; calling up  
**Sundry** - various  
**Suppose** - guess; think; imagine  
**Surly** - unfriendly; bad-tempered  
**Surpass** - to exceed; go beyond  
**Suspiciously** - a feeling that something is wrong  
**Swaggered** - walked pridefully  
**Swathes** - sections, rows  
**Switches** - sticks; small branches

## **T**

**Taken such pains** - to be very careful  
**Tapered** - pointed  
**Tasseled** - bound at one end with loose threads  
**Term** - grading period; semester  
**Terribly** - extremely  
**Testimonial** - statement of truth  
**Thousand pound cakes** - blocks weighing 1,000 pounds each  
**Threading** - weaving

**Thresh** - to separate grain from chaff  
**Thrive** - do well; flourish  
**Toboggan** - slide, as on a sled  
**Trained** - disciplined; coached  
**Trampled** - stomped  
**Tranquil** - calm; peaceful  
**Transfers** - free tokens for changing bus lines  
**Tremendously** - enormously, hugely  
**Trifle** - small degree  
**Trinket** - decorative object of low value  
**Tripod** - three-legged stand  
**Triumphantly** - victoriously  
**Trodden** - trampled; worn down  
**Trooped** - marched  
**Troupers** - professional performers  
**Truckling** - submitting; yielding  
**Trudged** - walked with heavy feet  
**Tussle** - struggle

## U

**Unforeseen circumstances** - unpredictable events  
**Unique** - unequaled; singular  
**Unremitting** - constant; never-ending  
**Unsympathetic** - insensitive  
**Untidy** - messy  
**Untimely** - occurring too soon  
**Unwearyingly** - without getting tired  
**Updraft** - upward current of air  
**Uproar** - loud and out of control  
**Urgent** - extremely important and pressing



## V

**Vanished** - disappeared  
**Vaguely** - without clear thought  
**Ventilating** - air passage  
**Veritable** - true  
**Versatile** - adaptable; can adjust easily  
**Vessels** - ships  
**Veterinary doctor** - animal doctor  
**Vexed** - upset  
**Vigorously** - forcefully; energetically  
**Villain** - a bad or evil character

## W

**Waded** - walked in or through shallow water  
**Wallowed** - rolled  
**Warrant** - court order  
**Wavered** - flickered or glimmered  
**Wearily** - tiredly  
**Whetted** - sharpened  
**Whinnied** - neighed  
**Wick** - central cord that burns or draws fuel  
**Wisps** - thin fragments  
**Writhing** - squirming