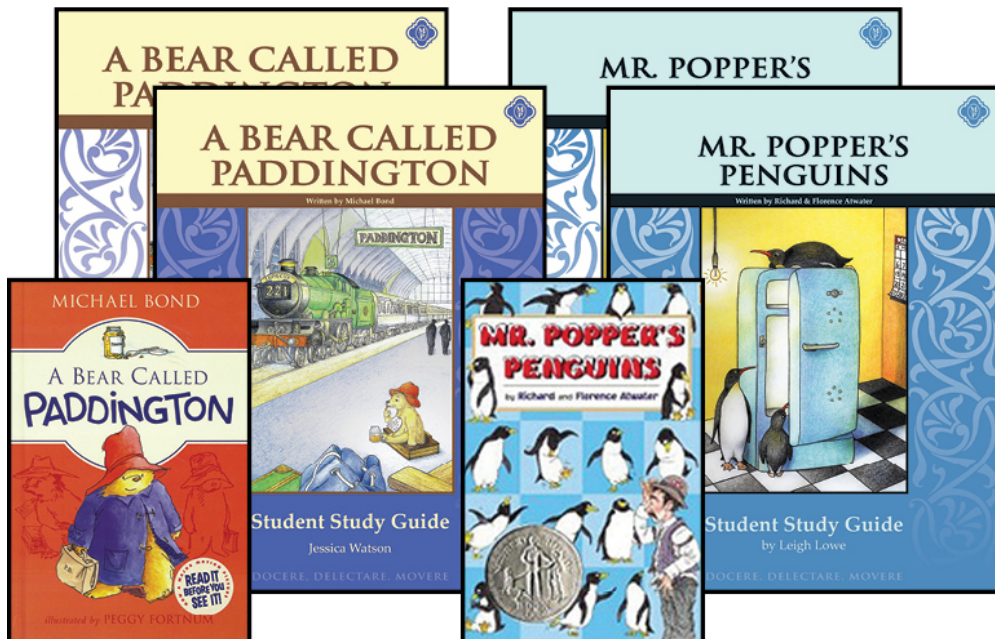
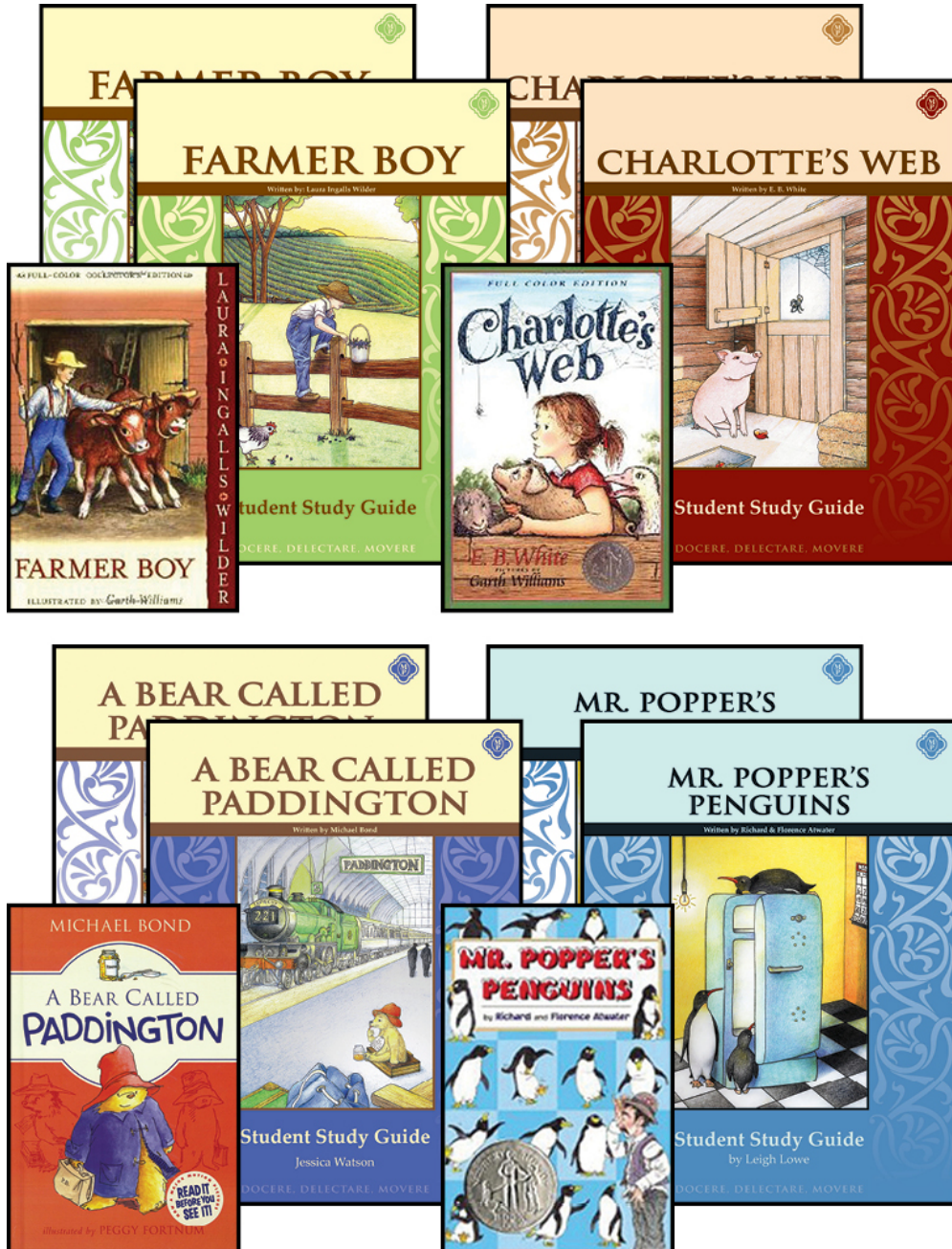


3rd Grade Literature

Vocabulary and Definitions



A

Abandoned - left behind

Abide - stand

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

Adversaries - enemies; competitors

Aggravating - greatly annoying

Aghast - shocked; dismayed

Ailed - bothered

Ajar - slightly open

Aloft - into the air

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

Amiable - friendly; good natured

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

Arbor - frame for growing vines

Aromatic - scented

Ascended - moved upward

Askew - bent to one side

Assured - guaranteed; certain

Avalanche - snow or landslide

Avert - to avoid

B

Baggage - luggage

Bailing - dipping water out as with a bucket

Baleful - threatening harm

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

Beaming - smiling widely

Bedlam - total confusion

Belatedly - behind schedule

Belligerently - aggressively

Berths - bunk beds

Bestirred - roused; moved

Bewilderment - confusion

Blanched - whitened by color being removed

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

Cantered - galloped

Captivity - state of being held against your will

Careening - moving uncontrollably

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

Composure - self-control

Compunctions - uneasiness caused by guilt; remorse

Consented - agreed

Considerable - long amount of

Consolation - comfort

Consternation - concern; worry

Consult - to ask for advice

Contempt - dislike, disapproval

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
Deft - nimble
Debris - waste
Defied - stubbornly resisted
Dejected - disappointed; discouraged
Dejection - low spirits
Delectable - delicious, tasty
Delicate - fragile
Demolished - destroyed
Descriptive - vivid; expressive
Dignified - mannerly
Disconsolately - cheerlessly
Dismal - gloomy
Dismayed - disappointed; distressed
Dodo - a large, clumsy, flightless bird

Deportment - manners
Depot - train station
Derby - hat
Desolation - loneliness
Despairingly - sadly or hopelessly
Destiny - fate, future
Detected - identified
Detested - strongly disliked
Dewy - wet with morning dew
Dignity - pride; self respect
Dignity (The Moffats) - high importance; deserving respect
Dimly - vaguely; faintly
Dimpling - making indentations in
Disdainful - scornful
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
Dunce - ignorant person

E

Eagerly - with anticipation

Ecstatic - joyful; elated

Electrified - excited, thrilled, enthralled

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

Emphatic - forceful; urgent

Endure - to bear, tolerate

Engineer - design specialist or technologist

Engrossed - focused; absorbed

Enterprising - adventurous

Entitled - has a right to

Erect - straight up

Escalator - a moving staircase for carrying people up and down

Evidently - apparently

Evoking - bringing about

Exasperation - extreme annoyance, frustration

Exertions - physical efforts; work

Exhausted - very tired; out of energy

Exhibit - display

Expanses - open spaces

Expectancy - anticipation; suspense

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(ly)
Favorable - positive, complimentary
Feeble - weak
Fervently - passionately; zealously
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

Gallivanting - wandering about
Galumphed - moved clumsily
Gangplank - walkway
Gaunt - lean
Gay - happy
Gaze - to look at steadily
Gangling - awkwardly tall, long-limbed
Glowering - scowling
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
Groped - searched blindly or uncertainly

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

Ignominiously - disgracefully

Impersonate - to mimic

Impertinent - rude; disrespectful
Implored - urgently begged
Impudently - disrespectfully
Immense - very large
Immobile - not able to move
Incessant - endless; continuous
Incredulously - in disbelief
Indifferent - unconcerned; uninterested
Indignantly - with annoyance or resentment
Indulgence - tolerance
Inevitable - unavoidable
Inimitable - defying imitation; matchless
Injustice - unfairness
Influence - sway
Innocently - without knowledge
Inopportune - inconvenient
Inquiry - question
Inquiring - questioning, inquisitive
Inquisitive - curious
Insufferable - intolerable
Intense - extreme
Intention - plan
Intently - with great focus
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

Laden - loaded down

Lair - den

Languishing - growing weak

Languorous - still; sleepy

Latched - secured; hooked

Lather - soapsuds

Lavishly - generously; extravagantly

Lethargy - laziness

Liabile - likely

Lief - readily; willingly

Listless - tired, no energy

Litter - animal siblings born at the same time

Loathed - strongly disliked

Loitering - standing idly

Lugged - dragged burdensomely

Lurched - rolled or pitched suddenly; jerked

Lure - to attract

M

Mangers - open boxes holding feed for livestock

Marching Drills - parades

Martyred - greatly pained or tormented

Marveling - looking in awe

Masterpiece - greatest work

Meekly - humbly and gently

Mellow (CW) - pleasant, subtle

Mellow (FB) - moist and rich in nutrients

Menacingly - threateningly

Mercilessly - without compassion

Merely - only; simply

Mien - manner; appearance

Modest - humble

Monotonous - unchanging

Moodily - gloomily

Mortified - embarrassed

Morose - gloomy; sullen

Municipal Ordinance - city law

Mussed - in disarray; out of order

Mustering - summoning or gathering up

N

Nonchalantly - in a carefree or unconcerned manner

Notions - ideas

Novelty - new

Nuisance - someone or something that is an irritation or an inconvenience

O

Objectionable - offensive, unpleasant

Oblige - to help

Obligated - 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

Pensive - thoughtful

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
Protruded - extended
Proud - deeply satisfied
Provisions - food; supplies
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
Quarantine - enforced isolation
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

Recuperate - to recover; to get better
Relieved - comforted
Reluctant - unwilling
Reluctantly - with regret
Remonstrance - protest; bargain
Renewing - extending
Reproach - scold; disapproval
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
Sarcastically - mockingly
Sauntered - leisurely strolled
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

Sepulchral - gloomy; dismal

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

Shinned - climbed, using hands and legs for gripping

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

Skulked - moved stealthily; lurked

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; restrained
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
Tawny - yellow
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
Transplant - move and re-plant
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

Unaccustomed - unusual

Unanimous - of one mind; in full agreement
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
Viaduct - bridge
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