



- **adventure** [ədventʃər] *n.*
An **adventure** is a fun or exciting thing that you do.
→ *Riding in the rough water was an **adventure**.*



- **approach** [əprəʊtʃ] *v.*
To **approach** something means to move close to it.
→ *The boy **approached** his school.*



- **carefully** [kɛəfəli] *adv.*
Carefully means with great attention, especially to detail or safety.
→ *The baby **carefully** climbed down the stairs.*



- **chemical** [kɛmɪkəl] *n.*
A **chemical** is something that scientists use in chemistry.
→ *The scientist mixed the **chemicals**.*



- **create** [kri:ɛɪt] *v.*
To **create** means to make something new.
→ *She **created** an igloo from blocks of snow.*



- **evil** [i:vəl] *adj.*
Evil describes something or someone bad or cruel, not good.
→ *The **evil** figure scared us all.*



- **experiment** [ɪkspɛrɪmənt] *n.*
An **experiment** is a test that you do to see what will happen.
→ *The student did an **experiment** in science class.*



- **kill** [kɪl] *v.*
To **kill** someone or something is to make them die.
→ *I **killed** the fly with a fly swatter.*



- **laboratory** [læbərətɔ:ri] *n.*
A **laboratory** is a room where a scientist works.
→ *My mother works in a **laboratory**.*



- **laugh** [læf] *n.*
Laugh is the sound made when someone is happy or a funny thing occurs.
→ *The sound of their **laugh** filled the room.*



○ **loud** [laʊd] *adj.*

If a sound is **loud**, it is strong and very easy to hear.
→ *The man's voice was so **loud** that we all could hear him.*



○ **nervous** [nɜːrvəs] *adj.*

When a person is **nervous**, they think something bad will happen.
→ *The boy became **nervous** when he heard the news.*



○ **noise** [nɔɪz] *n.*

A **noise** is an unpleasant sound.
→ *The crying baby made a loud **noise**.*



○ **project** [prədʒɛkt] *n.*

A **project** is a type of work that you do for school or a job.
→ *His afternoon work **project** was to paint the room green.*



○ **scare** [skeɪr] *v.*

To **scare** someone is to make them feel afraid.
→ *My uncle was **scared** by what he saw in the room.*



○ **secret** [siːkɪt] *n.*

A **secret** is something that you do not tell other people.
→ *The two boys were sharing a **secret**.*



○ **shout** [ʃaʊt] *v.*

To **shout** is to say something loudly.
→ *My boss **shouted** at me because I was late for work.*



○ **smell** [smel] *v.*

To **smell** something means to use your nose to sense it.
→ *The two friends **smelled** the flower.*



○ **terrible** [tɪrəbəl] *adj.*

If something is **terrible**, it is very bad.
→ *The way he treated his classmate was **terrible**.*



○ **worse** [wɜːrs] *adj.*

If something is **worse**, it is of poorer quality than another thing.
→ *Business was **worse** this month than last month.*

The Laboratory

Mia's father had a **laboratory**, but she had no idea what was in it. Her dad always closed and locked the door when he went in. She knew that he used it to do **projects** for work. He never told Mia what these projects were.

One night, Mia **approached** the door to the laboratory. She stopped and thought, "I wonder what crazy **experiment** he is doing now." Suddenly, she heard a **loud noise**. It sounded like an **evil laugh**. The noise **scared** her, so she walked quickly back to her room.

The next night, her friend Liz came to her house. When Liz arrived, Mia told her about the night before. "Oh, it was **terrible**," she said.

"Why don't we see what is in there?" Liz asked. "It will be a fun **adventure!**"

Mia felt **nervous** about going into her father's laboratory, but she agreed. As always, the door was locked. They waited until Mia's father left the laboratory to eat dinner. "He didn't lock the door!" Liz said. "Let's go."

The laboratory was dark. The girls walked down the stairs **carefully**. Mia **smelled** strange **chemicals**. What terrible thing was her father **creating**?

Suddenly, they heard an evil laugh. It was even **worse** than the one Mia heard the night before. What if a monster was going to **kill** them? Mia had to do something. She **shouted** for help.

Mia's father ran into the room and turned on the lights. "Oh, no," he said. "You must have learned my **secret**."

"Your monster tried to kill us," Mia said.

"Monster?" he asked. "You mean this?" He had a pretty doll in his hands. The doll laughed. The laugh didn't sound so evil anymore. "I made this for your birthday. I wanted to give it to you then, but you can have it now. I hope you like it!"

