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- ▶ The Baby-Sitter
- ▶ Beware: Do Not Read This Poem

Vocabulary

Key Vocabulary Review

Oral Review Work with a partner. Use these words to complete the paragraph.

capable

resist

trace

precision

ritual

vulnerable

relies

subsides

The scariest stories are difficult to (1) _____ because their effect on you is so strong. For example, "The Baby-Sitter" tells about an old (2) _____ and tradition that carries frightening powers. The author chooses her words with careful (3) _____ to build suspense and leave you feeling as helpless and (4) _____ as the children. "Beware: Do Not Read This Poem" (5) _____ on, or counts on, our common fears about people who disappear without the smallest sign or (6) _____. Both of these selections have power and are (7) _____ of stirring up our fears. Fortunately, the stories come to an end and the terror (8) _____ until it is just a memory.