

The Baby-Sitter p. 457

- 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.