

# 1 Beautiful words

The words marked with \* have different meanings in other contexts. You can look up those meanings in a dictionary.

## Vocabulary

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|---|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1 | smooth* 平滑 / rough* 粗糙  | 5 | brave* 勇敢 (形容詞) / timid 膽小 |
| 2 | hard* 硬 / soft* 軟       | 6 | strong* 強壯 / weak* 虛弱      |
| 3 | wise 有智慧/聰明 / silly 愚蠢  | 7 | quick* / fast* 快 / slow 慢  |
| 4 | gentle* 溫柔 / fierce* 兇惡 | 8 | light* 輕 / heavy* 重        |

## Glossary

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| 1  | Aesop's Fable (p.2) 伊索寓言     | 21 | leap* (p.3) 跳躍 (動詞)         |
| 2  | rumble* (p.2)<br>發出咕嚕嚕聲 (動詞) | 22 | deep* (p.3) 深               |
| 3  | like* (p.2) 好像               | 23 | ladder (p.3) 梯子             |
| 4  | thunder* (p.2) 雷 (名詞)        | 24 | marshmallow (p.5) 棉花糖       |
| 5  | crow* (p.2) 烏鴉 (名詞)          | 25 | snail (p.6) 蝸牛              |
| 6  | above (p.2) ……的上面            | 26 | owl (p.6) 貓頭鷹               |
| 7  | beak (p.2) 喙/鳥嘴              | 27 | goose (p.6) 鵝               |
| 8  | feather (p.2) 羽毛             | 28 | lamb (p.6) 綿羊               |
| 9  | as ... as (p.2) 好像           | 29 | peacock (p.6) 孔雀            |
| 10 | silk (p.2) 絲                 | 30 | dragon (p.6) 龍              |
| 11 | diamond (p.2) 鑽石             | 31 | breathe* (p.6) 噴出           |
| 12 | flash* (p.2) 閃光 (名詞)         | 32 | knight* (p.6) 武士 (名詞)       |
| 13 | foolish (p.2) 愚蠢             | 33 | pirate* (p.6) 海盜 (名詞)       |
| 14 | gobble* (p.2) 狼吞虎嚥 (動詞)      | 34 | eldest (p.6) 最年長            |
| 15 | fortunately (p.3) 幸好         | 35 | lift* (p.6) 抬起 (動詞)         |
| 16 | well* (p.3) 井 (名詞)           | 36 | mud (p.7) 泥土                |
| 17 | side* (p.3) 面 (名詞)           | 37 | ice cube (p.7) 冰塊           |
| 18 | groan* (p.3) 呻吟着說 (動詞)       | 38 | doormat (p.7) 門口地毯          |
| 19 | goat (p.3) 山羊                | 39 | lightning (p.7) 閃電          |
| 20 | bleat (p.3)<br>(羊) 咩咩地叫 (動詞) | 40 | beat* (p.9) 跳動 (動詞)         |
|    |                              | 41 | over the moon (p.9)<br>非常高興 |

He was	<b>as fierce as</b>	a tiger.
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**A Can you match the adjectives with the animals or things to form common similes? Write.**

**fierce**  
as slow as a  
as silly as a  
as timid as a  
as free as a  
as light as a

**weak**  
as wise as an  
as brave as a  
as gentle as a  
as proud as a  
as strong as an

**B Use some of the similes to complete the beginnings of these stories.**

Once there lived a terrible dragon which breathed fire on everyone. A young knight called George wanted to save the people so he fought the dragon. The people thought George was as brave as a lion ...

Many years ago there was a boy called Mark who worked on a pirate ship. He wasn't like the other pirates who killed and robbed people. Mark was as gentle as a lamb \_\_\_\_\_ and would not hurt a fly ...

Once upon a time, there was an old man. He was  
\_\_\_\_\_ **as wise as an owl** \_\_\_\_\_. Every day people from  
the village went to his house to ask him questions about things  
they did not understand.

The old man had three sons. They were different from one  
another. The eldest son was very fit. He could lift up heavy things.  
He was \_\_\_\_\_ **as strong as an ox** \_\_\_\_\_.  
The second son thought he was the most  
handsome man in the world. He walked  
around with his nose in the air. He was  
\_\_\_\_\_ **as proud as a peacock** \_\_\_\_\_. The youngest son was  
not clever at all. The village people often lied to him but he never  
noticed. He was \_\_\_\_\_ **as silly as a goose** \_\_\_\_\_ ...

... is	soft	like a pillow.
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Look at the table. Complete the sentences about the objects.

	How does the object taste/feel/look ...?	What object is it like?	What is it?
Riddle 1	soft sweet	→ a pillow → honey	a marshmallow
Riddle 2	fast colourful	→ a rocket → a rainbow	a firework
Riddle 3	hard smooth	→ a rock → glass	an ice cube
Riddle 4	rough dirty	→ a cleaning brush → your shoes	a doormat

1 A marshmallow is soft like a pillow. It is sweet like honey.

2 A firework is fast like a rocket. It is colourful like a rainbow.

3 An ice cube is hard like a rock.  
It is smooth like glass.

4 A doormat is rough like a cleaning brush.  
It is dirty like your shoes.