

Nature's light

- 1** Read the words below and shade the **unstressed syllable** (the part of the word that you may not say). The first one has been done for you.

in	ter	est	veg	e	tab	le
diff	er	ent	math	e	mat	ics
mem	or	y	choc	o	late	

Say the words aloud, and loudly say the unstressed syllable to remind you that it is there when you are spelling. Practise spelling these words using **Look-Say-Cover-Write**.

- 2** Add two **adjectives** to each of the sentences below to make them more interesting.

I wandered into a _____, _____ forest. _____, _____ trees surrounded me. They blocked out the _____, _____ sunlight.
A _____, _____ shiver went down my spine as I wondered what I might find in here.



- 3** Write another paragraph to continue the story opening in question 2. Remember to use adjectives so that your reader can easily imagine the setting.

3

Read aloud this final section of the story, *Bronze and Sunflower*. Answer the questions that follow using all your reading skills from this unit.

Sunflower had been sent away to live in the city. This made her very unhappy, and Bronze missed her terribly too. At the end of the story, she came back to the village. Bronze had been looking out for her from the top of a haystack. Gayu is another child from the village.

Bronze opened his mouth, **summoned** all the strength in his body, and shouted, '**SUNFLOWER!**'
Tears were flooding down his face.
Gayu was out with his ducks.
Bronze shouted again, '**SUNFLOWER!**'



The sound wasn't perfectly clear, but it had definitely come out of Bronze's mouth. Gayu left the ducks and ran to Bronze's house, and as he ran he shouted out so all the villagers could hear, 'Bronze can speak! He can speak!'

Bronze ran like crazy from the haystack to the fields. Sunshine spilled over the boundless fields of sunflowers, filled with thousands and thousands of stems, whose big round heads were turning, just as they should, to face the golden body of heaven as it rolled across the sky.

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- a Write another word for **summoned**. _____
- b Why is **SUNFLOWER** written in capital letters? _____
- c Why is Bronze crying? _____
- d Why is Gayu so excited? _____
- e How do you think the villagers will feel about this news? _____
- f Is this a happy or a sad ending? Explain your opinion, giving reasons for your answer. _____

