

Helping you choose books for children



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bed noun**WORD WEB****some types of bed**

- a berth (a bed on a ship)
- a bunk (one of two beds on top of each other)
- a cot (a bed with sides for a baby)
- a four-poster bed (a bed with curtains around it)
- a hammock (a piece of cloth that you hang up and use as a bed)

beg verb*We **begged** him to let us go.*

- **to plead with** *We pleaded with him to let us go.*
- **to ask**
- **to implore** *We implored him to let us go.*

begin verb**1** *The little girl **began** to laugh.***2** *What time does the film **begin**?*

- **to start**
- **to commence**

OPPOSITE end**beginning** noun*I was scared at the **beginning** of the film.*

- **the start**
- **the opening**

OPPOSITE ending**behave** verb**1** *She was **behaving** rather strangely.*

- **to act**

2 *Make sure you **behave** at the party.*

- **to be good**
- **to behave yourself**
- **to be on your best behaviour**

behaviour noun*The children's **behaviour** was excellent.*

- **conduct**
- **manners**
- **attitude**

belief noun*People have different religious **beliefs**.*

- **a faith**
- **an opinion**
- **a view**

believe verb**1** *I don't **believe** you.*

- **to trust**

2 *I **believe** that she is innocent.*

- **to think**
- **to be sure**
- **to be convinced**

3 *The ancient Greeks **believed** in many gods.*

- **to have faith in**
- **to put your faith in**

bell noun**WRITING TIPS**

Here are some useful words for writing about bells.

- The school bell **rings** at ten to nine.
- The grandfather clock in the hall **chimes** every hour.
- The sleigh bells **jingled** as we rode along.
- The tiny bells on the Christmas tree **tinkled** as I walked past.
- The huge church bell began to **toll**.

belong verb**1** *This book **belongs** to me.*

- **to be owned by**

2 *Ali **belongs** to the football club.*

- **to be a member of**
- **to be in** *Ali is in the football club.*

3 *These pencils **belong** in the cupboard.*

- **to go**

belongings noun*Be sure to take your **belongings** when you get off the train.*

- **possessions**
- **property**
- **things**

bend noun*There are a lot of sharp **bends** in this road.*

- **a corner**
- **a turn**
- **a twist**
- **a curve**

bend verb**1** *He **bent** the wire into the correct shape.*

- **to twist**
- **to curve**
- **to curl**
- **to coil**
- **to wind**

OPPOSITE straighten**2** *She **bent** down to tie her shoelaces.*

- **to stoop**
- **to crouch**
- **to duck**

bent adjective*The back wheel of the bicycle was **bent**.*

- **twisted**
- **crooked**
- **distorted**
- **warped**

OPPOSITE straight**best** adjective*She is the **best** swimmer in the world.*

- **finest**
- **greatest**

• **number-one**• **top****OPPOSITE** worst**better** adjective*Tom has been ill, but he's **better** now.*

- **all right**
- **recovered**
- **cured**

beware verb***Beware** of the dog.*

- **to be careful of**
- **to watch out for**

bicycle noun

- **a bike**
- **a cycle**

**WORD WEB****some types of bicycle**

- a mountain bike
- a racing bike
- a tandem (for two people)
- a tricycle (with three wheels)
- a unicycle (with one wheel)

big adjective**OVERUSED WORD**Try to vary the words you use to mean *big*. Here are some other words you can use instead.**1** *He put the books into a **big** box.*

- **large**
- **huge**
- **enormous**
- **massive**
- **gigantic**
- **colossal**

Use *large* with the same meaning as *big*:*There was a **large** wooden →*