

# A Chest Full of Words Supplemental Materials

Activities for children grades K-5

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## About the Book

Oscar discovers a magnificent treasure chest. When he opens it, he is disappointed at what's inside: nothing but words. What type of treasure is that?! But when he tosses *fluorescent* into the bushes, a bright yellow hedgehog runs by! Soon Oscar has created a *featherlight* backhoe, a *docile* crocodile, and a *monstrous*—oops!—*adorable* beetle. Using new words is fun!

Before long Oscar has emptied the chest and is left wordless. He doesn't know where to find more words, until his neighbor Louise gives him some guidance: you can find words anytime and anywhere. Oscar begins a new hunt for words and learns all sorts of inventive ways to describe the world around him.



More information about the book and the artists available on our website!



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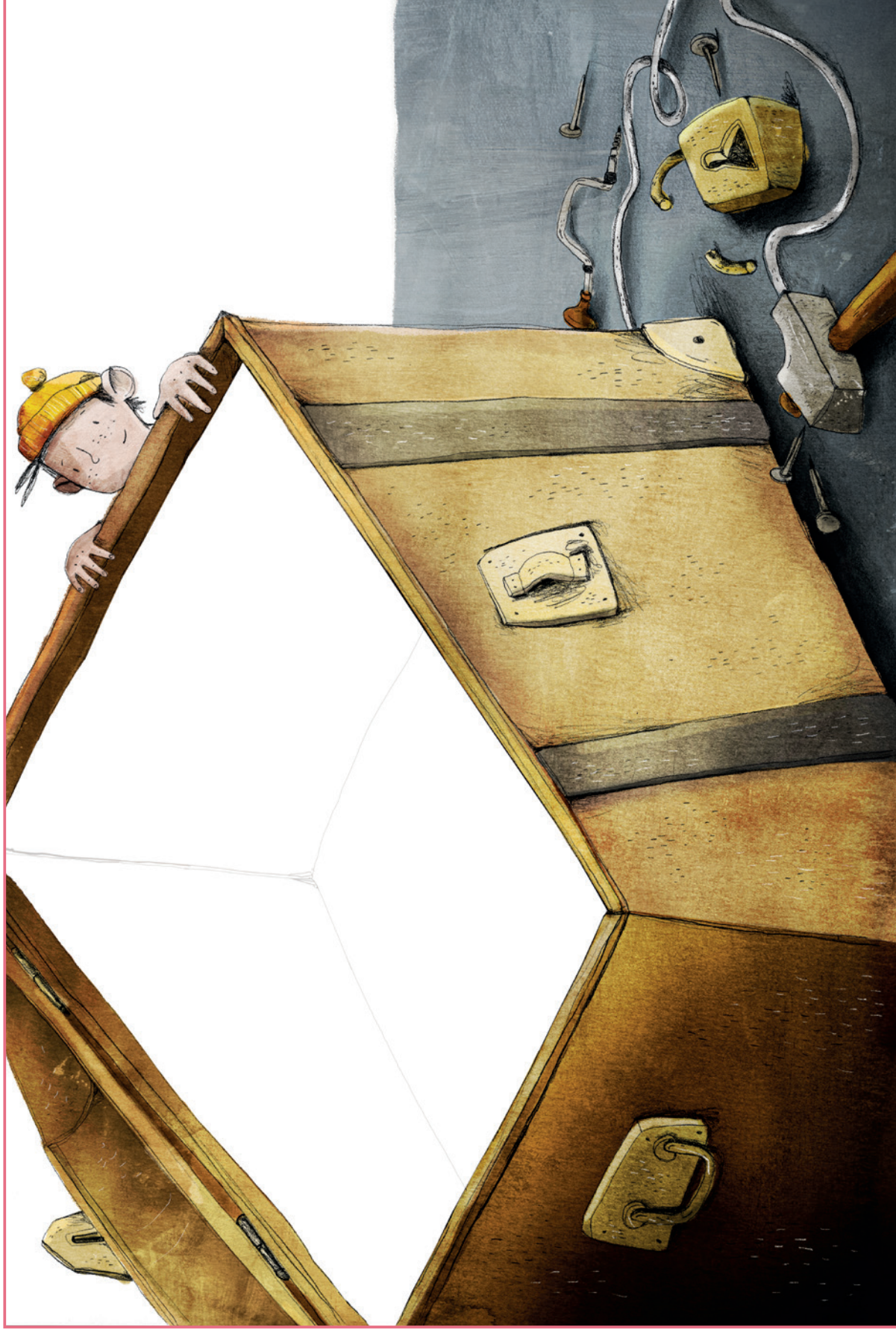
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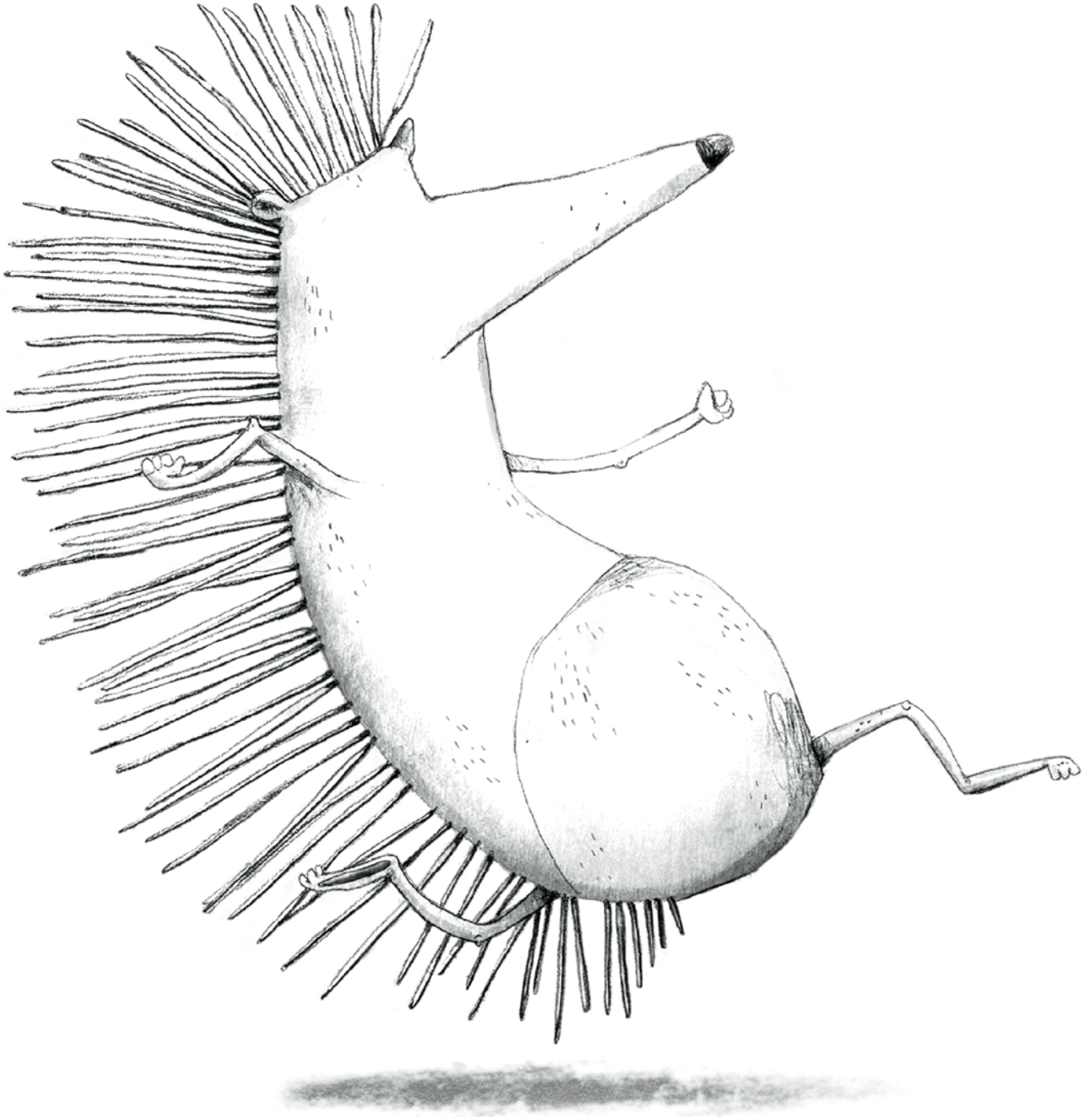
## ACTIVITY 1

How many words can you think of? Help Oscar fill up his treasure chest by writing words inside!



## ACTIVITY 2

In the book, Oscar turns a hedgehog neon yellow by tossing the word *fluorescent* at it!  
Can you color in the hedgehog and make him fluorescent too?



### ACTIVITY 3

Words can make imaginary ideas come to life! Match an adjective (left) with a noun (right) to create a *slimey crocodile*, a *fuschia dog*, or a *hairy bicycle*!

FEATHERLIGHT

DOG

ELUSIVE

CROCODILE

ADORABLE

TREE

ROCKSTEADY

TREASURE

HEARTWARMING

CROWN

NOISELESS

KITTEN

BURSTING

CAKE

MOLDY

HEDGEHOG

MOSSY

BIRDHOUSE

SLIMEY

BEETLE

FUSCHIA

GIRAFFE

STAR-BRIGHT

HOUSE

GRANDIOSE

FRIEND

SKY-HIGH

PENGUIN

DAPPER

CAR

GIGANTIC

STAIRS

MUSTY

CHAIR

HAIRY

BICYCLE

CHARMING

CLOCK

SHORT-LEGGED

BEAR

## ACTIVITY 4

What does Oscar see that is monstrous? What does he see that is adorable? Use your imagination to draw in the boxes below.

MONSTROUS



ADORABLE



## ACTIVITY 5

Throughout the book, Oscar does a lot of actions. With adult supervision, cut out the words. Choosing one at random, act out the verb on the card. Can anyone guess which verb you picked?



*THROW*

*OPEN*

*STRETCH*

*FLICK*

*DIG*

*SQUISH*

*STOMP*

## ACTIVITY 6

With adult supervision, cut out the words. Using tape, attach the adjectives to things around the home or classroom that you can describe using those words. Are you able to use them all?



HAIRY

FLUORESCENT

ADORABLE

BULBOUS

SQUISHY

EMPTY

FEATHERLIGHT

COZY

BRAND-NEW

FUSCHIA

INCOMPLETE



## ACTIVITY 7

In the book, Oscar uses his senses to discover new words. Can you come up with words that describe sensations? Try to find things around you that you can touch, smell, taste, hear, and see.



1 What words describe touch?



2 What words describe tastes?

3 What words describe smells?



4 What words describe sights?

5 What words describe sounds?



Here are some sense words from the text to get started with!

squishy, slimey, tangy, spongy, fizzy-foamy, ultramarine, moldy, musty, oceanic, vocal

## ACTIVITY 8

Sharing words is fun! Write down a different word in each box below. With adult supervision, cut out the boxes. Share those words with classmates, family, or friends!



A new word for you:



A new word for you:



A new word for you:



A new word for you:



ACTIVITY 9



# WORD DETECTIVES

Can you find the word that names the object to the left?  
Circle the word with the correct spelling:



Tshest

Chest

Chess

Kest



Gown

Krown

Crown

Kroun



Dagger

Digger

Duster

Dugger



Ladder

Letter

Leather

Latter



Sword

Sort

Sword

Sward

## ACTIVITY 10

Oscar loves to find new words. With help from a grown-up, use a dictionary to find three new words. Write down the words and what they mean. Is one of these words your new favorite?

1 The new word I found is:

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And it means:

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2 The new word I found is:

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And it means:

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3 The new word I found is:

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And it means:

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## ACTIVITY 11

Can you find all the words?

S	F	H	G	T	S	H	G	T	N	U	D	S	T	P	H	S	P	D
I	L	A	F	L	A	I	M	T	S	F	U	P	S	J	U	H	G	G
V	K	R	X	H	C	L	U	M	S	Y	E	U	Q	Z	I	T	F	U
C	I	T	D	R	E	Z	G	Z	S	S	C	N	E	P	E	B	L	B
I	R	S	B	O	R	S	C	H	G	E	I	W	O	R	D	S	I	V
M	S	C	I	E	C	W	I	I	O	R	Q	J	W	Z	C	W	N	E
V	C	H	J	J	U	I	A	J	J	N	A	I	E	G	H	H	K	B
M	H	A	D	M	R	M	L	R	X	J	R	N	I	L	C	S	F	H
T	S	L	L	O	K	E	V	E	U	B	Q	R	D	N	F	K	L	T
R	A	I	S	V	I	F	W	K	C	U	B	E	D	I	O	U	O	O
E	U	G	P	E	J	H	H	E	R	Z	E	N	S	N	O	H	S	Q
A	E	M	R	R	Q	O	Y	O	S	C	M	R	W	D	E	S	S	G
S	R	M	B	C	B	L	Y	B	B	E	O	W	I	L	D	P	E	R
U	O	N	F	A	A	H	N	F	H	E	S	T	E	R	T	D	G	F
R	W	J	C	S	F	P	Z	U	U	T	S	D	R	E	M	R	Q	T
E	Y	B	Y	T	O	L	R	O	L	L	Y	C	T	S	I	H	K	D
E	S	K	M	J	V	E	U	T	E	R	S	C	H	E	S	T	Q	E
M	O	D	R	I	G	U	L	Q	M	J	M	X	G	A	X	N	E	W
A	B	L	A	B	B	E	R	M	O	U	T	H	E	D	K	D	X	L

The words are hidden from left to right: up and down, and diagonally.

### Word Bank

Clumsy, mossy, overcast, cubed, docile, blabbermouthed, grandiose, joyful, words, treasure, chest