



Vocabulary for
The Trumpet of the Swan (1970)
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Chapter 1 – Same (pp. 1-7)

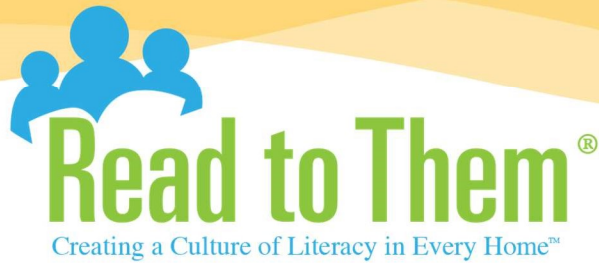
- boggy (2) – wet and muddy
- cattails (3) – a type of marsh plant
- treacherous (3) – dangerous
- queer (4) – strange
- board (5) – place to live
- seldom (5) – rarely
- loafing (5) – doing nothing

Chapter 2 – The Pond (pp. 8-16)

- rasping (8) – harsh-sounding
- uppermost (11) – most important
- peninsula (12) – a piece of land surrounded by water on three sides
- coon (13) – slang for "raccoon"
- clout (14) – strike with force
- tamping (15) – packing down

Chapter 3 – A Visitor (pp. 17-28)

- deposit (17) – place in a spot
- idyllic (20) – perfect, calm
- entitled to (20) – deserving of
- proportions (22) – size
- prowled (23) – sneaked
- onerous (23) – difficult
- irksome (23) – annoying
- escapades (23) – adventures
- capers (23) – games
- preening (24) – cleaning
- grave (25) – serious
- ammunition (27) – weapon



Chapter 4 – The Cygnets (pp. 29-41)

- ceaselessly (30) – never stopping
- downy (31) – fluffy
- field glasses (33) – binoculars
- adjacent (36) – nearby
- vile (36) – evil
- tread (36) – walk
- vigilant (36) – watchful

Chapter 5 – Louis (pp. 42-51)

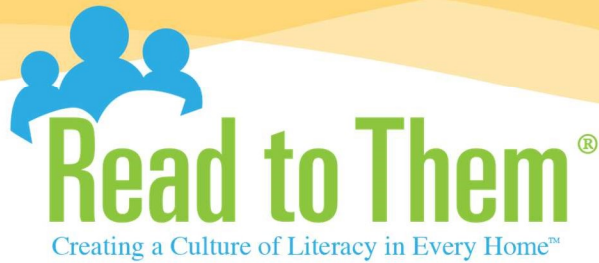
- defective (43) – having disabilities
- revelation (43) – announcement
- endearments (44) – affectionate words
- resonant (44) – ringing
- buoyant (47) – floating
- candidly (47) – truthfully
- unsound (50) – irrational

Chapter 6 – Off to Montana (pp. 52-61)

- principal (52) – most important
- odious (53) – hateful
- frolics (53) – games
- altitude (55) – height
- exhibition (57) – demonstration
- commotion (59) – noise
- sensation (60) – feeling

Chapter 7 – School Days (pp. 62-77)

- company (62) – friendship
- timidly (64) – fearfully
- game warden (66) – enforcer of hunting and fishing laws
- solitary (70) – single
- catastrophe (72) – disaster
- pop (73) – soda
- spunky (76) – slang for “energetic”
- howling (77) – laughing



Chapter 8 – Love (pp. 78-90)

- disinclined (78) – reluctant
- peculiar (80) – strange
- keenly (82) – bitterly
- prolong (83) – lengthen
- coy (86) – shy and flirtatious
- a trifle (86) – slightly
- snippety (88) – rude
- doleful (87) – sad

Chapter 9 – The Trumpet (pp. 91-98)

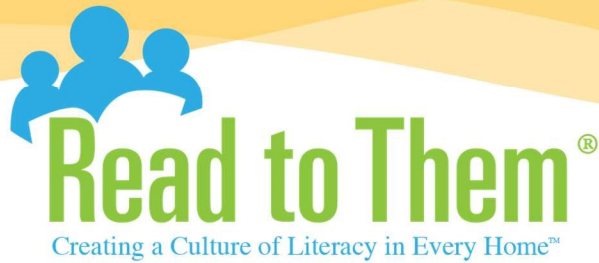
- sensibilities (88) – feelings
- wallop (89) – blow
- law-abiding (91) – obedient to the laws
- commerce (97) – business
- bestow upon (97) – give
- ardor (98) – love
- deplorable (98) – disgraceful

Chapter 10 – Money Trouble (pp. 99-110)

- emit (102) – produce
- earnings (105) – wages
- erect (106) – tall and straight
- stirring (110) – exciting

Chapter 11 – Camp Kookooskoos (pp. 111-117)

- stern (111) – back of a boat
- privy (111) – bathroom
- implored (113) – begged
- prejudices (114) – biases
- peculiar (115) – unusual
- nigh (116) – close by
- serene (117) – peaceful



Chapter 12 – A Rescue (pp. 118-133)

- dump (120) – garbage heap
- blundering (123) – stumbling
- malodorous (123) – bad-smelling
- sore (125) – bitter
- churned (127) – stirred
- in the nick of time (128) – just in time
- untarnished (128) – undamaged
- standing ovation (130) – prolonged clapping while standing to show appreciation
- disregard of (132) – lack of attention to

Chapter 13 – End of Summer (pp. 134-140)

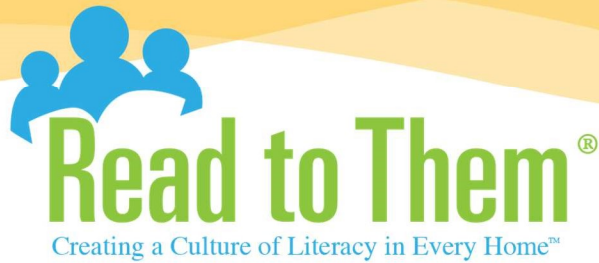
- casting about (135) – searching
- hoisted (138) – lifted
- retiring (139) – shy

Chapter 14 – Boston (pp. 141-149)

- bellboy (142) – hotel attendant
- merrily (145) – happily
- a lark (145) – fun
- groovy (145) – slang for "exciting"
- accommodate (146) – adjust to
- molest (148) – harass

Chapter 15 – A Night at the Ritz (pp. 150-165)

- sensation (151) – great success
- immaculate (151) – totally clean
- lounge (154) – public sitting room
- promptly (157) – on time
- mussy (158) – messy
- watercress (159) – a type of plant whose leaves are used in salad
- chute (164) – channel

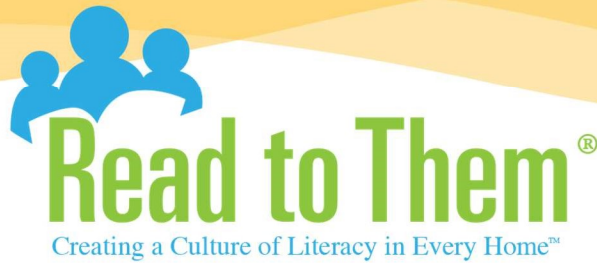


Chapter 16 – Philadelphia (pp. 166-177)

- gay (167) – happy
- memorable (168) – unforgettable
- engagement (169) – job
- Tyrolean hat (172) – a type of felt hat that usually has a feather
- vertebrates (172) – animals with spines
- replete (172) – filled
- renown (174) – fame
- joint (174) – business, often for entertainment or food
- bagatelle (174) – unimportant thing
- moola (175) – slang for "money"
- candor (175) – honesty
- compels (175) – forces to do
- detains (176) – keeps
- confines (176) – boundaries
- revulsion (176) – disgust
- felicity (177) – happiness
- apathy (177) – lack of interest

Chapter 17 – Serena (pp. 178-198)

- records (180) – thin vinyl disks that play music
- lee (181) – protection
- pooped (183) – tired
- subsided (183) – let up
- waterfowl (184) – water birds
- numbers (186) – songs
- transmits (186) – sends out
- procession (189) – march
- grotto (190) – cave
- yak (192) – a large ox
- Coati (192) – a raccoon-like animal
- dromedary (192) – a one-humped camel
- kudu (192) – a type of antelope
- wallaby (192) – a kangaroo-like animal
- cassowaries (192) – a type of flightless bird
- ecstasy (193) – pure happiness
- succumbed (196) – yielded
- rapture (196) – joy



Chapter 18 – Freedom (pp. 199-211)

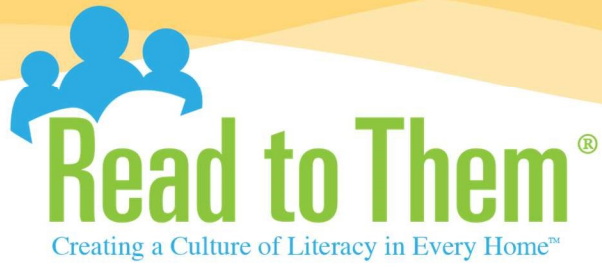
- ornamental (199) – decorative
- balustrade (201) – railing
- amputated (206) – surgically removed
- astounded (207) – astonished

Chapter 19 – A Talk about Money (pp. 212-224)

- rucksack (213) – backpack
- cares (214) – worries
- pine away (215) – become weak from missing something
- like the dickens (217) – a phrase used for emphasis
- Ajax (218) – a type of bleach
- premiums (219) – regular payments for insurance
- Kinkajou (220) – a type of small mammal
- Wallaroo (220) – a type of kangaroo
- Gnu (220) – a type of antelope
- piling out (221) – moving out quickly
- yonder (222) – far distance
- bayou (224) – marshy lake

Chapter 20 – Billings (pp. 225-242)

- goods (226) – possessions
- teeming (227) – swarming
- blot out (228) – erase
- sullies (228) – stains
- folly (229) – stupidity
- mortal (229) – deadly
- sheepishly (232) – embarrassedly
- custody (233) – protection
- hollered (234) – yelled
- penicillin (237) – a type of medicine to cure infection
- superficial (237) – on the surface
- testimony (237) – spoken evidence
- glum (238) – disappointed
- deserted (241) – empty
- agonizing (241) – very painful
- torrents (241) – waves



- multitude (241) – crowd
- tremendous (242) – large

Chapter 21 – The Greening Spring (pp. 243-252)

- escorted (244) – led
- notions (245) – ideas
- coarse (245) – rough
- moult (246) – regular loss of feathers
- crepuscular (248) – appearing at twilight