



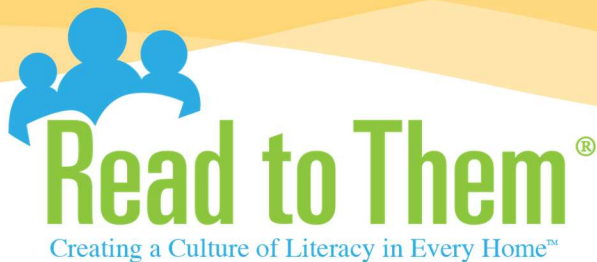
**Vocabulary for  
*Dog Days* (2013)  
by Karen English**

Chapter One – It Was an Accident! (pp. 1-17)

- spite (2) – desire to harm another person
- looming (2) – appearing to be huge
- populate (4) – to inhabit, live in
- stifles (5) – to hold back
- cowering (6) – crouching as in fear or shame
- nougats (8) – a type of chewy candy
- souvenir (9) – a small token to remember a trip
- deposits (10) – places in
- smirk (12) – a smug and offensive smile
- petrified (14) – very scared; terrified
- sneer (15) – to smile or laugh in a mean way
- verdict (16) – a judgment or decision

Chapter Two – Eat Those Peas! (pp. 18-28)

- yaps (19) – sharp or shrill barks or yelps
- heartburn (19) – discomfort in the chest
- harmonize (20) – to sing with others in a pleasing way
- crooner (20) – singer
- gnawing (20) – chewing
- sly (22) – stealthy, mischievous, sneaky
- misery (22) – pain or distress
- woe (23) – distress or trouble
- measly (24) – small and unsatisfactory
- prods (25) – to persuade or encourage
- accommodations (26) – shelter for a visitor
- canines (28) – four pointed teeth in dogs
- menacing (28) – threatening to cause harm



### Chapter Three –Problems, Problems, Problems (pp. 29-38)

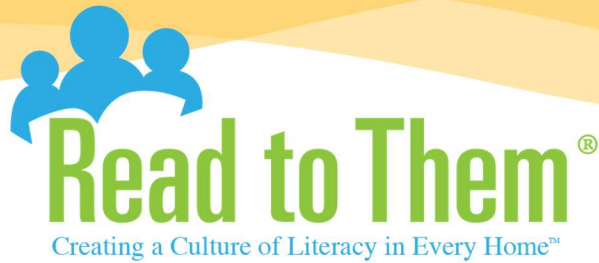
- protests (29) – speaking out in disapproval or opposition
- grotesque (29) – ugly or distorted
- pursing (30) – bringing tightly together; puckering
- quarters (30) – a place where you will live or stay
- pleading (31) – begging
- grim (31) – stern or harsh
- modern (32) – characteristic of present and recent time; not ancient
- extract (33) – remove
- uncharacteristically (34) – not the typical behavior of
- deflate (34) – to dash someone’s hopes

### Chapter Four –On the Job, Day One (pp. 39-54)

- moseys (39) – to wander without speed
- rhinestone (39) – a fake gem
- dilly-dallying (39) – fooling around and wasting time
- mutt (40) – a mixed-breed dog
- stealthily (40) – in a secretive way
- vigorous (41) – strong, full of energy
- pirouettes (41) – spins or turns as in ballet
- retractable (42) – able to be drawn back in
- disdain (48) – feeling of superiority
- “business” (50) – poop
- butcher (52) – a person whose job is cutting up and selling meat
- enticing (53) – tempting
- ferocious (53) – savagely fierce

### Chapter Five – Where’s Carlotta’s Chew-Chew? (pp. 55-71)

- rehearses (57) – practices
- obligation (57) – a duty, job, or commitment
- fiend (57) – a wicked or cruel person
- “beat to the punch” (58) – to do or say something before someone else is able to do it
- coax (59) – gently and persistently persuade
- anticipation (60) – expectation or hope
- snug (61) – tight
- cordons (62) – prevents access to; blocks off
- maneuver (65) –a movement requiring skill and care



- insignia (66) – important symbol
- saunters (68) – walks in a slow relaxed way without hurry
- kibble (70) – animal food
- simmering (70) – staying just below the boiling point while being heated

#### Chapter Six – Harper and the Sticky Fingers (pp. 72-87)

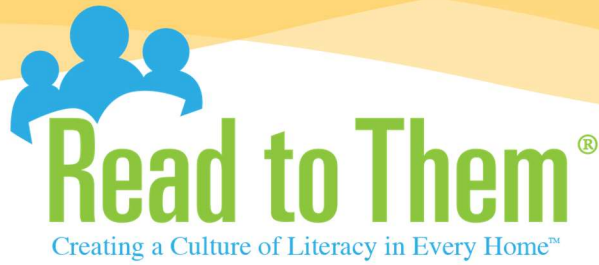
- abuse (73) – cruel treatment of a person or animal
- monitor (75) – keep a close eye on
- reputation (75) – what others think about you
- ambled (76) – walked at a slow, relaxed pace
- tentacles (79) – long, flexible arms, like an octopus
- lame (85) – unconvincing
- endure (86) – suffer through a difficult situation patiently

#### Chapter Seven – Harper’s Not Happy (pp. 88-98)

- “light at the end of the tunnel” (88) – a sign that a time of difficulty is nearing an end
- routine (88) – steps that are regularly followed
- snooty (88) – showing the feeling of superiority
- shifty (90) – dishonest or appearing to avoid
- reserved (91) – saved, set aside for
- glum (91) – sad
- hulky (94) – large, muscular
- spared (97) – saved

#### Chapter Eight – Where Did Carlotta Go? (pp. 99-112)

- sprawled out (101) – sitting in a relaxed position
- “lighten up” (101) – relax and don’t be so serious
- hostile (102) – unfriendly
- propose (104) – suggest
- irritation (104) – inflammation or discomfort
- “dognapped” (105) – kidnapping involving a dog
- ollie (106) – a skateboard trick where the rider and board leap into the air without the use of the rider’s hands
- double dutch (107) – a jump-rope game played with two long jump ropes swung in opposite directions with the jumper in the middle
- inhales (109) – breathes in
- appetite (110) – a desire to satisfy a need for food



Chapter Nine – Is That Carlotta? (pp. 113-122)

- fussing (114) – complaining, worrying, showing concern
- hubcaps (115) – round metal plates on outside of car wheels
- dawn on (115) – to realize or begin to understand
- recognition (116) – realize you know someone
- possession (116) – ownership
- traitor (116) – a person who is not loyal
- settling up (121) – paying someone what you owe
- savor (121) – to enjoy
- debt (122) – money owed
- twinge (122) – a sudden feeling