# Vocabulary Instruction
**Instructional Sequence to use after a Read Aloud (from Bringing Words to Life)**

## Title: How Many Days to America? A Thanksgiving Story

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### Set Purpose for Reading:

**Minilesson Comprehension Strategy:**

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<th>Contextualize the Word:</th>
<th>Say word together:</th>
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<td>Tell how it was used in the story, reread the sentence.</td>
<td>Puts word into the child's phonological processor.</td>
<td>Define in own words, pair with example</td>
<td>Examples in contexts other than one in the story</td>
<td>Students interact with target words</td>
<td>Students repeat the word again to reinforce phonological processor.</td>
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**Word Game:**

What is the word that means __________?  

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<th>In the book, the boy and girl peered out from under their bed to see their mother's feet and the great, muddy boots of the soldiers. (P.2)</th>
<th>Peer</th>
<th>Peer means to look at something curiously-- trying to figure out what it is.</th>
<th>I peered at the strange sight of a cow in their backyard!</th>
<th>Word Game: He peered at the ________ in the __________ because he had never seen that before!</th>
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| In the book, it says, "Boats bobbed in the dark water off the quay..." (p.8) | bobbed | Bobbed means to move about with a jerky, up and down motion. | The beach ball bobbed up and down on the waves. | Word Game: Making Choices  
Is this an example of something that would bob up and down?  

- beach ball  
- cork  
- book  
- boat  

Which word goes with float? Which word goes with gaze? Which word goes with grasp? Show me how you would clasp your hands... | What is the word that means to move about with a jerky up & down motion? |
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| In the story, when a boat came, mother clasped her hands and bent her head. Was she afraid to hope too? (P. 26) | clasp | Clasped means to grip your hands tightly. | The boy clasped his hands when he saw the rescue ship. | Word Game: Word Assoc.  
Which word goes with float? Which word goes with gaze? Which word goes with grasp? Show me how you would clasp your hands... | What is the word that means a firm grasp or grip of your hands? |

**Use all the words together:** All words taught during the lesson are brought together by relating words, one context for all the words, or same format.  
Review words from previous weeks.  
*Make an anchor chart on the wall with this weeks words to help your review all of them.*

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*Note: BWTL refers to Bringing Words to Life.*
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bobbed
clasp