Powerful Verbs

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Once upon a time there lived a little girl called Goldilocks. One day, Goldilocks was <u>walking</u> in the forest and <u>found</u> a house. She <u>knocked</u> on the door, and when nobody answered, she decided to <u>go</u> inside. At the table there were three bowls of porridge. Goldilocks was hungry. She <u>tried</u> the porridge from the large bowl. "This porridge is too salty!" she said. She tried the porridge from the medium bowl. "This porridge is too sweet!" she <u>said</u>. She <u>tried</u> the porridge the porridge from the small bowl. "This porridge is just right," she <u>said</u> and she <u>ate</u> it all up. Goldilocks felt tired, so she <u>walked</u> into the living room and <u>saw</u> three chairs. She <u>sat</u> in the large chair to rest her feet. "This chair is too big!" she <u>said</u>.

strolling	wandering	exclaimed	
slipped	gulped	sneak	
discovered	gobbled	slurped	
creep	sighed	spotted	
stumbled upon	hammered	sipped	





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Puss <u>put</u> some lettuce in the bag, pretended to be dead and waited. Soon, a curious rabbit <u>put</u> its head in. Puss <u>picked</u> up the bag and caught it. He then <u>put</u> the bag over his shoulder and set off for the palace, where he <u>gave</u> the rabbit to the king <u>saying</u>, "This is a gift from my master, the Marquis of Carabas." The next day, Puss pretended to be dead again and caught a pair of partridges. Again, he took them to the palace and told the king they were from the Marquis of Carabas. One day Puss heard the king would be <u>going</u> past a nearby river in his royal coach. Puss told his master to <u>take</u> off all his clothes and bathe in the river. When the king's carriage <u>came</u> in to sight, Puss began to <u>say</u> loudly, "Help, help! My lord the Marquis of Carabas is drowning!"

stuffed	strip	snatched	
rolled	swept	sneaked	
shout	riding	grabbed	Mary
slipped	yell	slung	J. C. M. C. C.
peeked	swung		





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One day, the magic mirror told the queen that Snow White was the fairest in the land. The queen was very angry and <u>told</u> one of her huntsmen to kill Snow White. The huntsman found Snow White but instead of killing her he <u>told</u> her about the queen and so Snow White <u>went</u> away to the forest. While <u>walking</u> through the forest, she <u>found</u> a strange little house. She <u>went</u> inside where she found that the house was very messy! When the queen heard where Snow White was <u>living</u>, she disguised herself as an old lady and went to find her. When she <u>found</u> the little house, she <u>gave</u> Snow White a poisoned red apple. As soon as Snow White took the first bite, she <u>fell</u> down fast asleep!

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