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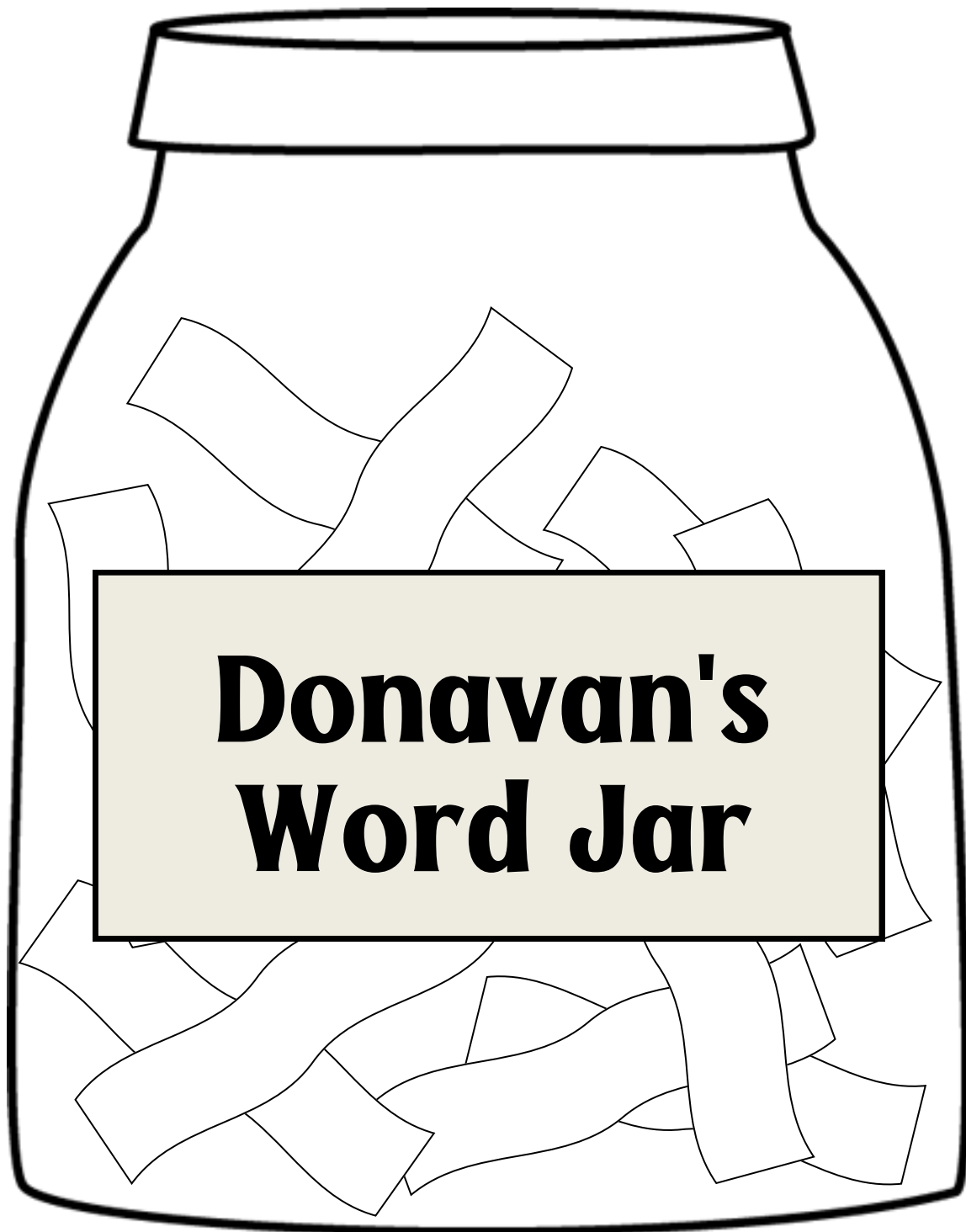
Thank-you for your purchase! This book companion was designed to help you and your students get the most out of Donovan's Word Jar.

Whether you are using this story for guided reading, small group instruction, or as a whole-group read aloud to your class, you will find plenty of ideas and resources to support your literacy program.

Donovan's Word Jar Contents

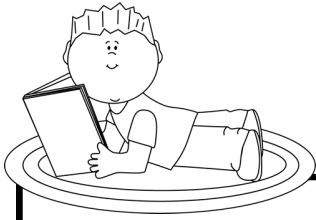
- **Reader's Notebook** - pages 4 - 15 provide questions for each chapter.
- **Extension Ideas** - pages 16 - 21 including character traits, summarizing, and creating word collection envelopes for each student.
- **Vocabulary Building** - pages 22-29 include vocabulary wall cards and context clues. I recommend you print the vocabulary words on cardstock and cut apart. They can be posted on a bulletin board or word wall while reading the novel.
- **Answer Keys** - pages 30- 40 provided for questions that are not open ended.

My Reading Notebook



student _____

Name _____



First Impressions

Before opening this book, let's see what you can learn from the cover. What do you notice?

❖ _____ ❖ _____

❖ _____ ❖ _____

Next turn to the **Table of Contents**. What do you notice about the subtitles for the chapters?

What do you think this story is about?

Make a Connection: Is there something you or someone you know collects?

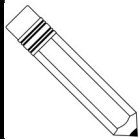
Write about it on the lines below.

What makes collecting something special? _____

Name _____

Chapter 1

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 1.



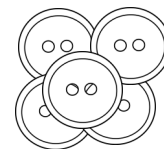
Write down 3 things you've learned about Donovan.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

What are some of the things Donovan's friends collected:



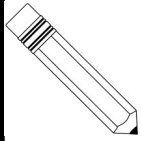
Setting: Where does chapter 1 take place? _____

Make an Inference: The author wrote, "... on the days when his mom packed raw broccoli and cauliflower in his lunch, Donovan forgot to eat them." What did she really mean? _____

Name _____

Chapter

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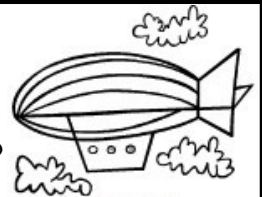
How did Donovan first become interested in words?

What did Donovan decide to do when he found an interesting word?

Who is Nikki?

Matching

Directions: Where did Donovan find these words?



nutrition ●

● in a parade

ballyhoo ●

● on a toolbox

boutique ●

● in the sky

pincers ●

● on a cereal box

solidarity ●

● on a billboard

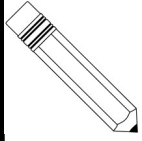
zeppelin ●

● a store window

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 3.



What is Donovan's problem? _____

Donovan asked for advice for how to solve his problem. What did these people suggest?

His mom: _____

Mrs. Panky: _____

His dad: _____

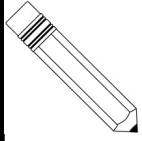
Explain why didn't Donovan like any of their ideas.

What would you suggest Donovan should do now that his jar is too full?

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 4.



Who did Donovan want to see? Why?

Why did his mother say he had to stay home?

What was his father busy doing?

How do you think Donovan feels at the end of this chapter?

Adjectives

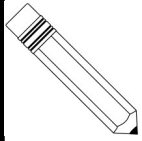
Look back through chapter 4 and write down six adjectives.

Remember that adjectives describe a person, place, thing, animal, or idea.

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 5.



This chapter is called **Donavan's Delay**. Explain why this is a good title.

Setting: Where does chapter 5 take place? _____

Draw a Conclusion: How would you describe Donovan's relationship to his sister Nikki? _____

Make a Connection: When you are sick, what are some things your family does to make you feel loved and cared for? _____

When Nikki sneezed, Donovan remembered the word **Gesundheit**. What do you think that word means? _____.

What traits make a word special enough for a word collection?

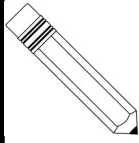


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Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 6.



This chapter is called *Donavan's Departure*. What does the word **departure** mean? _____

Nikki pulled the word **lullaby**. How is a lullaby different than other songs?

Why did Donovan want his father to whisper? _____

Where is Donovan going? _____

Recalling Details: Why is Donovan going to see his grandmother?

What **message** was Donovan suppose to give his grandmother?

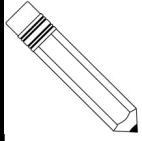
Where is the **crook of your arm**? _____

Donovan put on a **slicker**. What is another word for slicker? _____

Name _____

Chapter

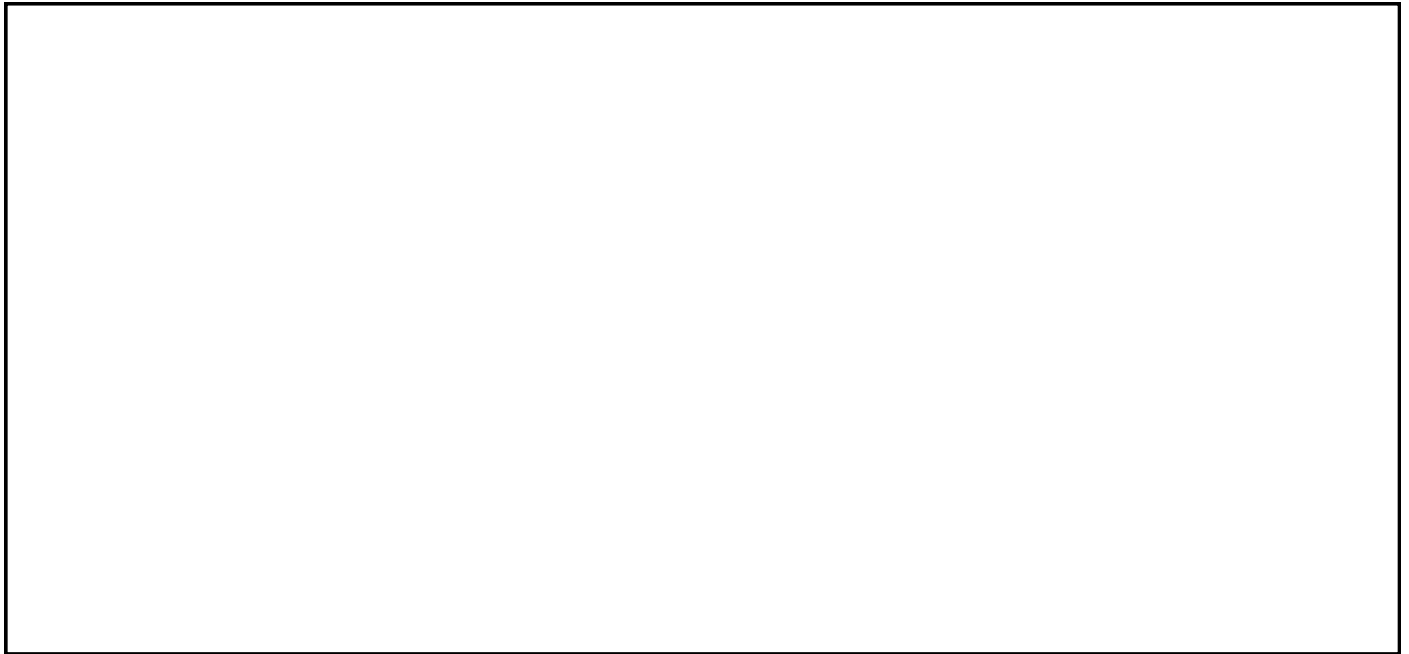
Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 7.



This chapter is called *Donavan Dines*. What do you do when you dine?

Where does Donovan's grandmother live?

Draw your mental image of what the inside of his Grandmother's apartment looks like.
Be detailed.

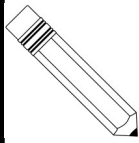


What was Donovan's favorite food to eat at his Grandmother's?

Name _____

Chapter

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This chapter is called *Donavan's Disappointment*. When have you been disappointed?

Grandma found words that describe character traits of people she knows. When you read these words, who do they describe in your life?

thoughtful _____

fun-loving _____

silly _____

shy _____

How did Donovan feel about the idea of giving his words to others?

Write down something that is easy for you to share. _____

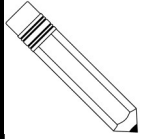
Write down something that is difficult for you to share. _____

What do you think Donovan should do with his word collection?

Name _____

Chapter

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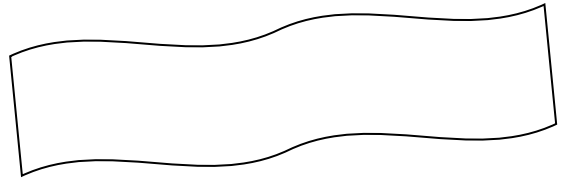


What were most of the people in the lounge doing? _____

What was Mr. Bill Gut's job? _____

What were Mr. Bill Gut and Miz Marylou arguing about? _____

Donavan gave them a word. Which word was it?



What does the word **compromise** mean? _____

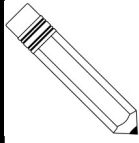
Describe a time when you had to make a compromise.

What did Mr. Bill Gut and Miz Marylou agree to? _____

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 10.



While Donovan went back upstairs to invite his grandmother to dinner, what were the people doing in the lounge? _____

How did Donovan feel about the people holding his slips of paper? _____

After a while, what did Donovan realize? _____

How are Donovan's words like a fortune cookie? _____

Donovan remembered his sister telling him, "Words can make people feel better."
Give one example from this story that supports that statement.

In the end, how did giving his words away make Donovan feel?

Extension Ideas

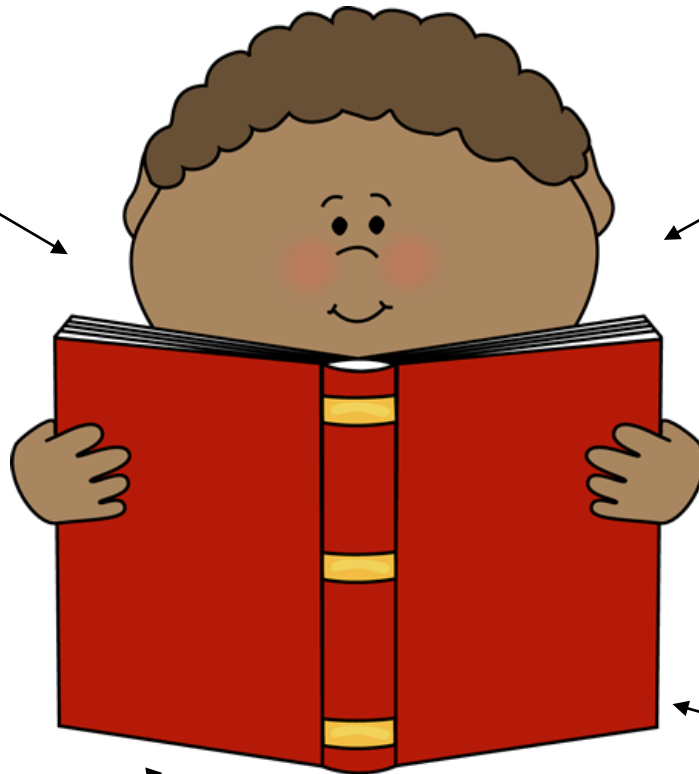


**Donavan's
Word Jar**

Name _____

Describing Donovan

List some character traits around Donovan. Remember you need to have evidence from the story to support that trait.

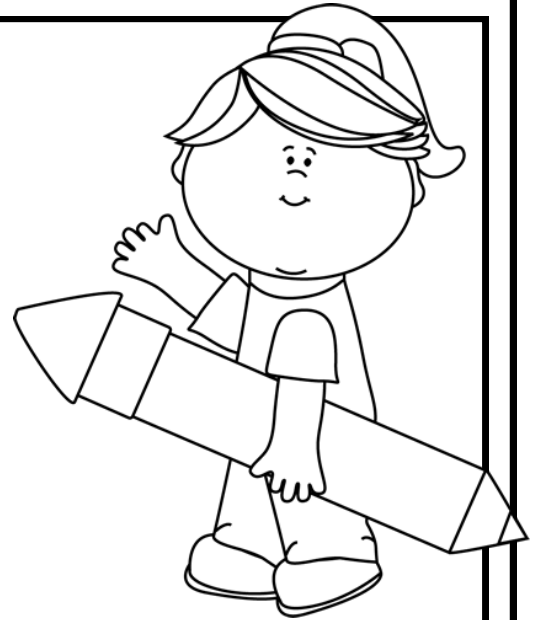


Donavan is _____ . I know this because he

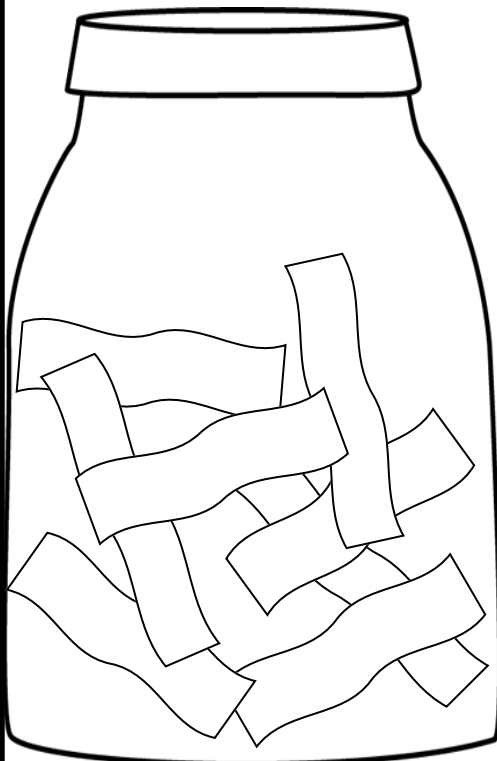
He is also _____ because _____

Become a Word Collector

The world is filled with interesting words. The key to becoming a great word collector is to start tuning in to interesting words. All you need is a pencil, an observant mind, and some slips of paper. On the next page is a set of slips you can use to keep track of your words. Cut the 5 slips on the solid black lines. Use the blank side to write down your amazing word. On the other side, find out what your word means. Also, circle where you found



the word.



Your teacher has set a goal for you to find

_____ interesting words.

Of course, you can find more than that.

This word means _____

I found it: in a book on a sign on a box in a store other: _____

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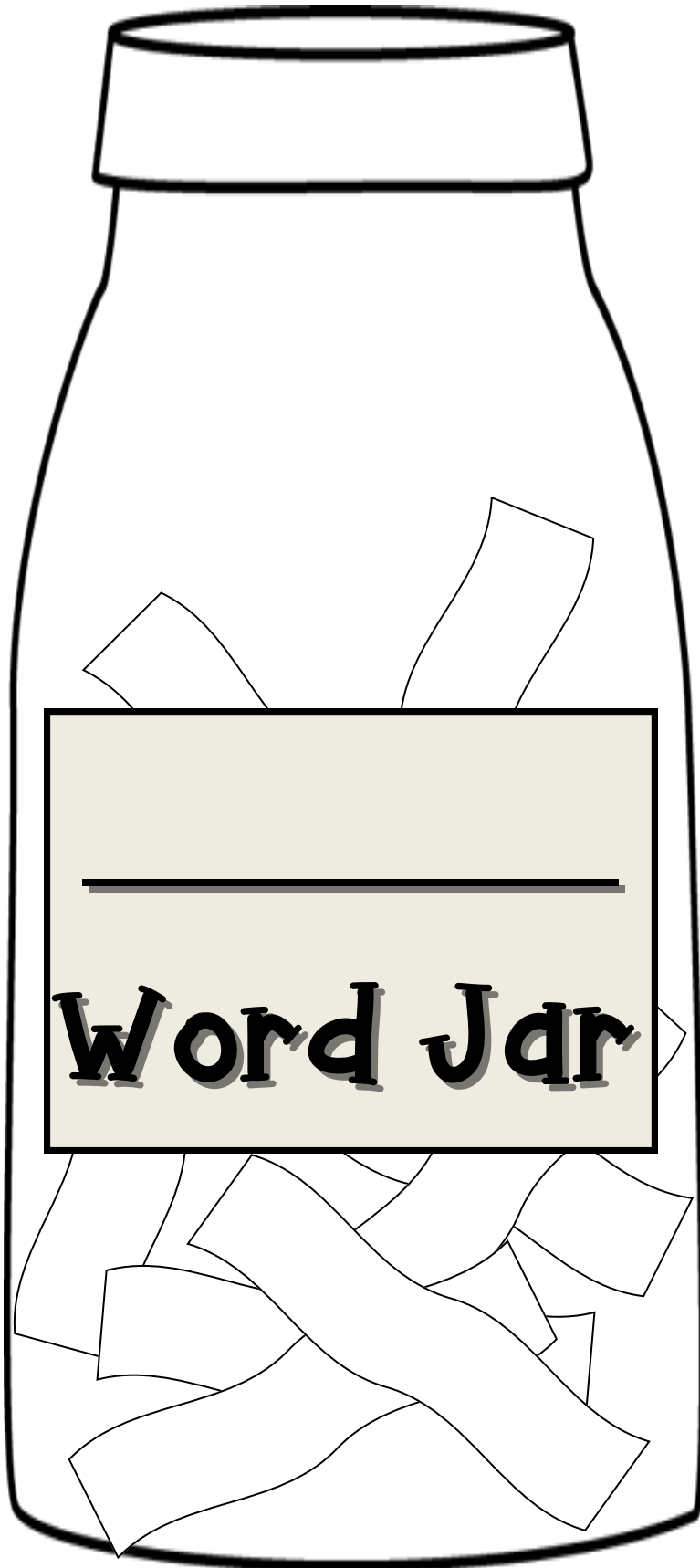
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Make Your Own Word Collection!



Directions:

Copy and cut out the jar graphic. Then glue to the front of a business (#10) envelope. Seal the envelope's flap. Finally, trim off a small piece of the envelope on the short edge to create an opening at the top of the "jar".

Now the students can have their own collection of words.

Name _____

Write a Summary

Somebody {Who} _____

WANTED {What did he want ?} _____

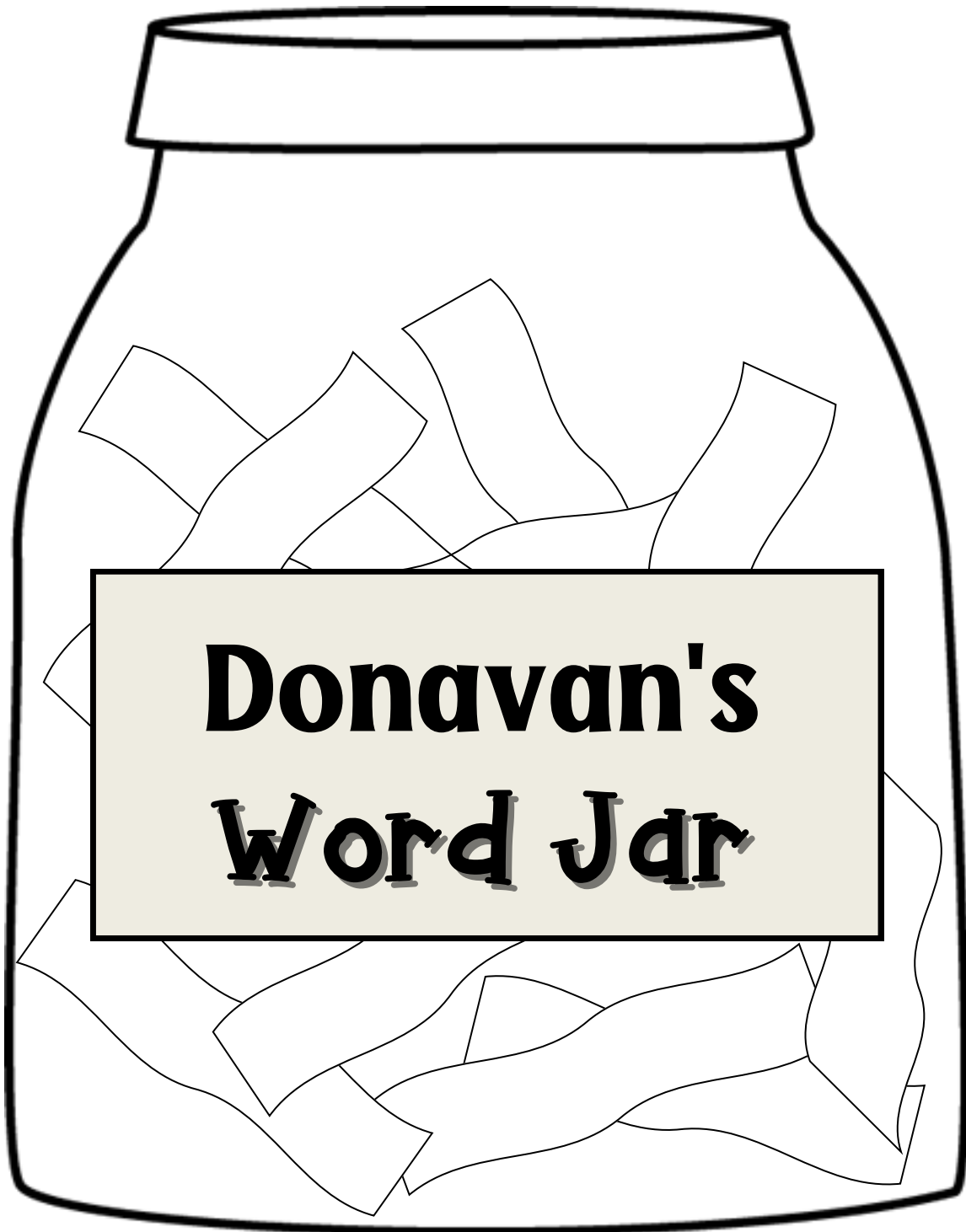
but,{What was the problem} _____

So {How did he solve the problem} _____

Then {What happened at the end?} _____

Now, put it all together as a paragraph on the lines below **without** writing the words in the brackets.

Vocabulary Building



nutrition

ballyhoo

boutique

pincers

profound

cuddle

hush

squabble

hieroglyphic

warrior

extraterrestrial

orchestral

solidarity

zeppelin

gesundheit

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lullaby

bamboozle

emporium

kaleidoscope

persnickety

cantankerous

compromise

perseverance

boisterous

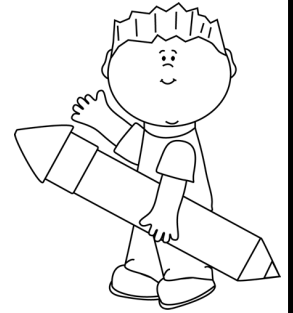
timid

chortle

serendipity

Name _____

Using **C**ontext **C**lues



Use context clues to figure out the meaning of the underlined word.

1. We went shopping at the emporium hoping to find a special gift.

An emporium is: a king or a store

2. The pyramid had symbols on the walls called hieroglyphics.

What are hieroglyphics? _____

3. The fans at the game were quite boisterous when their team scored a goal.

To be boisterous means to be: loud or quiet

4. The label on the cereal listed all the nutritional information including calories.

Which has more nutritional value cookies or grapes? _____

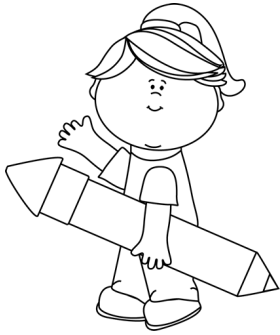
5. Lobsters and crabs have pincers.

What's another word for pincers? _____

6. The timid deer ran as soon they saw us in the woods.

What's another timid animal? _____

Name _____



Using **Vocabulary Words**

1. Explain a time when you had to compromise.

2. Whom might a mother sing a **lullaby** to? _____

3. Which takes more **perseverance**: running a 5k race or watching TV?

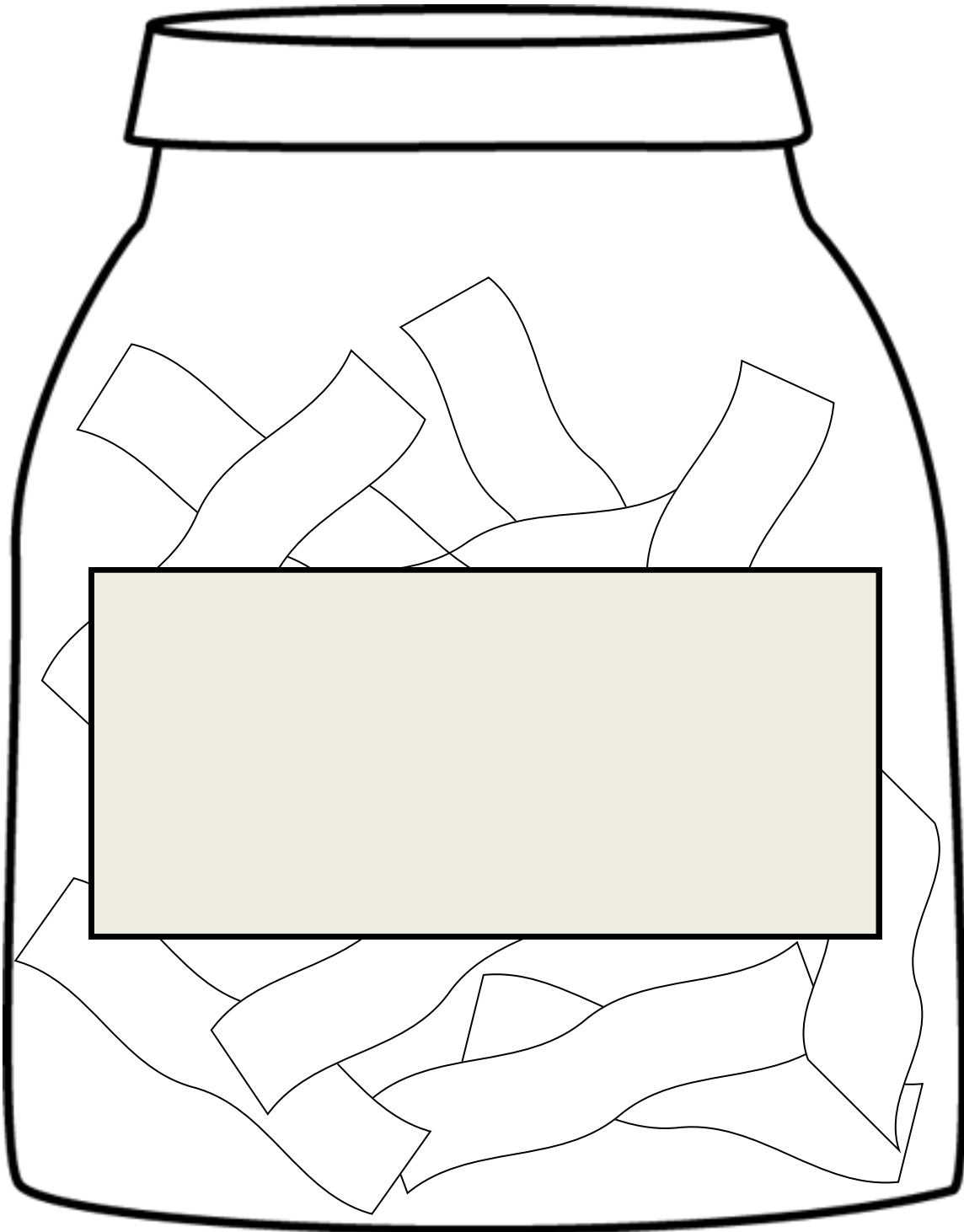
4. If someone is **persnickety** are they picky or easy-going? _____

5. My grandma said **gesundheit** after I sneezed. What is something else you could say? _____

6. Who might say **abracadabra**?

7. If someone asks you to **hush** what do they want you to do?

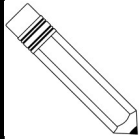
Answer Keys



Name _____

Chapter 1

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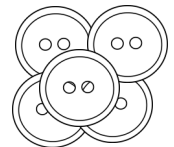
Write down 3 things you've learned about Donovan.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

answers will vary

What are some of the things Donovan's friends collected:

Possible answers: rocks, insects, stamps, coins, comics, baseball cards, marbles,
or buttons.



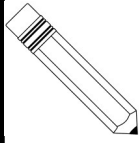
Setting: Where does chapter 1 take place? *At Donovan's 3rd grade classroom*

Make an Inference: The author wrote, "... on the days when his mom packed raw broccoli and cauliflower in his lunch, Donovan forgot to eat them." What did she really mean? *Donovan doesn't like broccoli*

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 2.



How did Donovan first become interested in words?

He noticed the word nutrition on his cereal box and starting wondering.

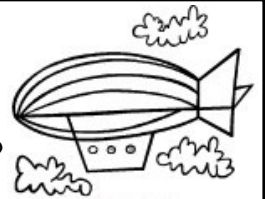
What did Donovan decide to do when he found an interesting word?

He decided to collect the words in a jar.

Who is Nikki? Nikki is Donovan's sister.

Matching

Directions: Where did Donovan find these words?

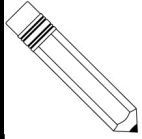


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|--------------|-------------------|
| nutrition ● | ● in a parade |
| ballyhoo ● | ● on a toolbox |
| boutique ● | ● in the sky |
| pincers ● | ● on a cereal box |
| solidarity ● | ● on a billboard |
| zeppelin ● | ● a store window |

Name _____

Chapter 3

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 3.



What is Donovan's problem? **His jar is too full to add more words to.**

Donavan asked for advice for how to solve his problem. What did these people suggest?

His mom: **get a bigger jar**

Mrs. Panky: **start his own dictionary**

His dad: **put the words in a file box**

Explain why didn't Donovan like any of their ideas. **The new jar or box would eventually get too full as well and he thought making a dictionary would take too much time.**

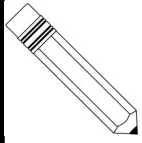
What would you suggest Donovan should do now that his jar is too full?

answers will vary

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 4.



Who did Donovan want to see? Why **He went to see his grandmother because she often has good ideas.**

Why did his mother say he had to stay home?

He had to stay home and watch his sister while she did an errand.

What was his father busy doing? **He was painting a sign for his new business.**

How do you think Donovan feels at the end of this chapter? **frustrated or disappointed**

Adjectives

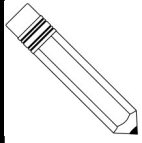
Look back through chapter 4 and write down six adjectives. Remember that adjectives describe a person, place, thing, animal, or idea.

answers will vary

Name _____

Chapter 5

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 5.



This chapter is called Donovan's Delay.. Explain why this is a good title.

Delay means to wait and Donovan had to wait before going to his grandma's.

Setting: Where does chapter 5 take place? at his house

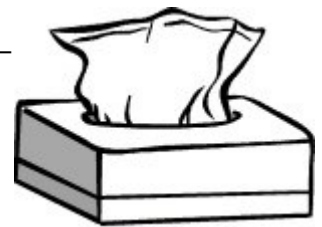
Draw a Conclusion: How would you describe Donovan's relationship to his sister Nikki? Donovan cares about his sister.

Make a Connection: When you are sick, what are some things your family does to make you feel loved and cared for? _____
answers will vary

When Nikki sneezed, Donovan remembered the word **Gesundheit**. What do you think that word means? bless you

What traits make a word special enough for a word collection?

_____ answers will vary

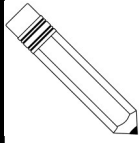


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Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 6.



This chapter is called *Donavan's Departure*. What does the word **departure** mean? **To leave**

Nikki pulled the word **lullaby**. How is a lullaby different than other songs?

Lullabies are soothing melodies. Gentle and calming music

Why did Donavan want his father to whisper? **He doesn't want to wake up Nikki.**

Where is Donavan going? **To his grandmother's home**

Recalling Details: Why is Donavan going to see his grandmother?

He hope she has a solution to his problem

What **message** was Donavan suppose to give his grandmother?

She is invited over for dinner at Donavan's house.

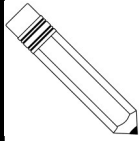
Where is the **crook of your arm**? **at your elbow**

Donavan put on a **slicker**. What is another word for slicker? **raincoat**

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 7.



This chapter is called *Donavan Dines*. What do you do when you dine?

answers will vary

Where does Donovan's grandmother live?

In a Senior Citizens home for elderly people.

Draw your mental image of what the inside of his Grandmother's apartment looks like.
Be detailed.



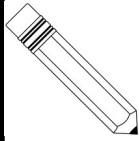
What was Donovan's favorite food to eat at his Grandmother's?

Donavan loves her soup

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 8.



This chapter is called *Donavan's Disappointment*. When have you been disappointed?

answers will vary

Grandma found words that describe character traits of people she knows. When you read these words, who do they describe in your life?

thoughtful _____

fun-loving _____

answers will vary

silly _____

shy _____

How did Donavan feel about the idea of giving his words to others?

He did not like that idea at all.

Write down something that is easy for you to share. _____

answers will vary

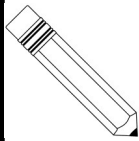
Write down something that is difficult for you to share. _____

What do you think Donavan should do with his word collection?

Name _____

Chapter 9

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 9.



What were most of the people in the lounge doing? They were not paying attention to each other - sitting silently

What was Mr. Bill Gut's job? He was the security guard.

What were Mr. Bill Gut and Miz Marylou arguing about? They couldn't agree about how long the lounge should be open.

Donavan gave them a word. Which word was it?

compromise

What does the word **compromise** mean? each person gives in a little so they can agree

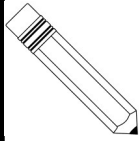
Describe a time when you had to make a compromise.

What did Mr. Bill Gut and Miz Marylou agree to ? _They agreed to open at ten o'clock

Name _____

Chapter

Directions: Complete this page after reading chapter 10.



While Donovan went back upstairs to invite his grandmother to dinner, what were the people doing in the lounge? **The people were reaching into his jar and taking out the words.**

How did Donovan feel about the people holding his slips of paper? **He was very upset**

After a while, what did Donovan realize? **Donovan realized that the people were talking to each other and having a good time.**

How are Donovan's words like a fortune cookie? **They both have words, they are like opening a present, and they make you think about how the words are meaningful to your life.**

Donovan remembered his sister telling him, "Words can make people feel better." Give one example from this story that supports that statement.

answers will vary

In the end, how did giving his words away make Donovan feel?

Donovan felt like a magician because he changed the way the old people were acting.

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