

Vocabulary in Context

Note: Words are listed in the order in which they appear in the story.

revive (rĭ-vĭv') v. to return to life or consciousness
*She tried to **revive** Rikki-tikki, but he was exhausted from fighting snakes.*

cower (kou'ər) v. to crouch or shrink down in fear
*Do not **cower** in scary situations.*

fledgling (flĕj'lĭng) n. a young bird that has recently grown its flight feathers
*The **fledgling** made its first trip outside the nest.*

gait (gāt) n. a manner of walking or moving on foot
*Rikki-tikki had a peculiar **gait** that helped him against his opponents.*

singe (sĭnj) v. to burn lightly
*The mongoose worried that the flame might **singe** his fur.*

valiant (vāl'yent) adj. brave; courageous
*He made a **valiant** effort to keep everyone safe.*

consolation (kōn'sə-lā'shən) n. a comfort
*We offered them **consolation** in their sorrow.*

cunningly (kūn'ĭng-lĕ) adv. in a clever way that is meant to trick or deceive
*He **cunningly** outsmarted the snake by pretending to be hurt.*

CLASS
SET

Rikki
Tikki
Tavi
Vocab!

VOCAB: write out ALL sentences

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- 5) CHOICE:

Review the vocabulary words and think about their meanings. Who would you root for in a battle between someone who is valiant and someone who behaves cunningly?

What elements of Rikki-tikki's personality make him a likable character? Write a paragraph explaining Rikki-tikki's admirable qualities. Include at least one Academic Vocabulary word in your response.

Name: _____

Rikki-Tikki-Tavi by Rudyard Kipling

Before Reading – Work with a partner to complete the following chart:

Words used to describe cats	Words used to describe dogs

Using the words above, describe the conflicts that sometimes occur between cats and dogs.



As you read the short story, “Rikki-Tikki-Tavi,” notice the conflict between the cobra and the mongoose, two natural enemies.

In the chart below, write down the characteristics of a mongoose and a cobra.

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/mongoose.aspx>

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/cobra.aspx>

Comparison Chart

Animal	Habitat	Size	Description of what it looks like	Value to Society
Mongoose				
Cobra				