

Summer Reading Tip #4 Video Transcript

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Hello Cherry Hill friends, this is Trudy Figueroa, Horace Mann School's Literacy Teacher Coach, coming to you today from my comfy couch, on a rainy day, where I think there's nothing better than to read a good book.

Today's reading tip is that good readers tune into interesting words and phrases to expand their vocabulary and enhance their comprehension. Readers need to have multiple exposures to a word in order for it to become a part of his or her vocabulary, so the more you read the larger your vocabulary becomes. When you collect interesting words and phrases it helps you to connect to the author and understand the story better, but it also helps you make these words your own and use them in a conversation and within your own writing.

Right now, I'm reading *Out of the Wild Night* by Blue Belliett, one of my favorite middle-grade authors, and I have always have my little Word Journal next to me, and I have them split into columns with existing word phrases and sentences.

Some of the things I found already are words like essential and absorb. Phrases like "tremendous rumbling," "roar of vibrations," and sentences like, "[...] his voice sounds like bicycle brakes that need oil," and "I kept sadness tucked into the pocket of my apron." Really interesting words and phrases. And let me share with you what I just found. "All slides fast in flashes. The color slipping by, impossibly bright and smooth, like boiled icing on a cake. I see the red of a ripe cranberry, the yellow of a Christmas lemon, noisy machines known as cars and trucks new to the world when I was old."

Those sentences are so interesting the way the author chooses to describe cars and trucks whizzing by her. I can see those bright vivid colors but seriously you know that boiled icing on a cake is going in this Word Journal when I'm done. When you read, become a word collector. Tune into interesting words and phrases. Reading is finding hidden word gems and beautiful language. So don't forget to make time to get lost in a book this summer.