

NOTICE, WONDER, PONDER

A VOCABULARY WORKSHEET

NEW WORDS FOR PENSIVE PENELOPE!

Pensive Penelope is learning to talk! She's saying new words, short words and BIG words! Some of the words in Penelope's story may be new to you. Let's see if we can figure out what some of them mean. Drumroll please.....!!!! And let's begin!

1. PENSIVE MEANS: *Engaged in, involving, or reflecting deep or serious thought.*

Sometimes, people use the word "pensive" to indicate that the thinker who is thinking so hard is thinking sad thoughts, and so people sometimes think that if you are pensive you are sad. But in Penelope's book, she's HAPPY to think about all these great new words! "Pensive" can sometimes mean sad, but not always! Sometimes it just means thoughtful!

ACTIVITY #1: Show or draw your "pensive" face! Use the word "pensive" in a sentence. (You can decide whether the person who is pensive in your sentence is sad or just thinking seriously.) Say the sentence out loud, and then write the sentence here.

2. PONDER MEANS: *To think deeply, to consider carefully.*

Much like "pensive," right? But with "ponder," there's not usually an association with sadness. With "ponder," there's an association with seriousness.

ACTIVITY #2: Show or draw your "ponder" face! Use the word "ponder" in a sentence. Say the sentence out loud, and then write the whole sentence here.

3. NOTICE MEANS: *To pay attention to, to observe, to become aware.*

The word "notice" has several different meanings, but in this story, Penny becomes aware of several new words in her head! She "notices" them!

ACTIVITY #3: Show me your "notice" face! Use the word "notice" in a sentence. Be sure you use it so that it means "to pay attention to." Say the sentence out loud, and then write the whole sentence here.

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ACTIVITY #4: Can you think of a time when you thought seriously about something? What were you pondering? Had you noticed something that made you thoughtful and pensive? Tell your story out loud or write your story here.

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ACTIVITY #5: There are some very big words on the last page of the book, and these very big words represent what Penny is talking about with the people in the audience.

Which of those words stands out to you as the first word or the most important word you notice?

Which of those words do you feel that you most understand? Can you tell a story using one of those words from your own life? For example, when do you feel joy? Has someone been kind to you? Who or what do you love? You may tell your story out loud or write your story here.

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Of these three words—pensive, ponder, notice—two are verbs (they are action words) and one is an adjective (a describing word). Which of these words is an adjective?

Great work everybody! You learned and used three important words from *Pensive Penelope Thinks About Words!* Give yourself a round of applause! Hurrah!