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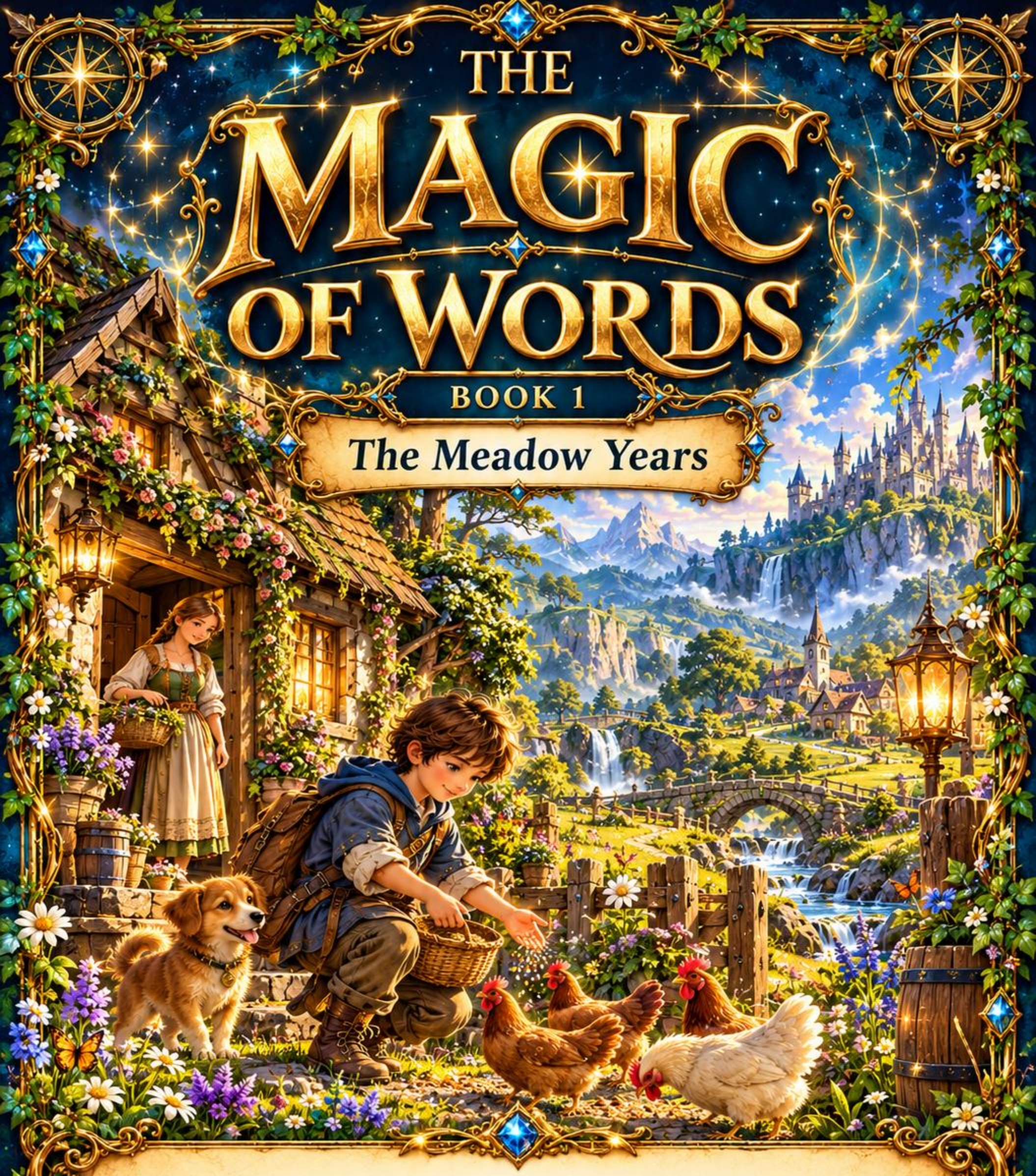

TARGET READING LEVEL: AR 4-5

15 illustrated story units / 75 words / 4 discovery levels

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Before You Begin

A Wordkeeper's Field Guide



Meet Rowan

Rowan lives in a peaceful meadow. He learns from his family, his friends, nature and everyday adventures. In each unit, you will follow his story and discover new English words.

How to Play

1 Guess the Word



Read the clue. Use the first letter and the number of letters to help you.

2 Find the Hidden Word



Find the letters in the picture. Put them in the correct order to make a word.

3 Solve Two Riddles



Read two clues. Use what you know to discover two more words.

4 The Final Trial



Solve one last clue. Then use words you learned earlier.



The Wordkeeper's Archive

At the end of each unit, review your new words. Learn what they mean, how to say them and how to use them in a sentence.

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Rowan's Journey

Unit 01 — A Home in the Meadow

A Home in the Meadow

Rowan grew up in a small cottage beside a wide green meadow. Each morning, he carried water to the garden and scattered grain for the hens. He often stopped to watch a beetle climb a stone. His mother welcomed his questions, but she also taught him to wait and listen. One day, a gate came loose while they were working. Rowan found a branch that could hold it shut. Small jobs were helping him learn about himself and the world around him.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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Unit 01 — The First Discovery



Level 1: Guess the Word

New questions fill my mind. I want to discover
why things happen. Which adjective means
eager to know more?

Hint: 7 Letters / Starts with C

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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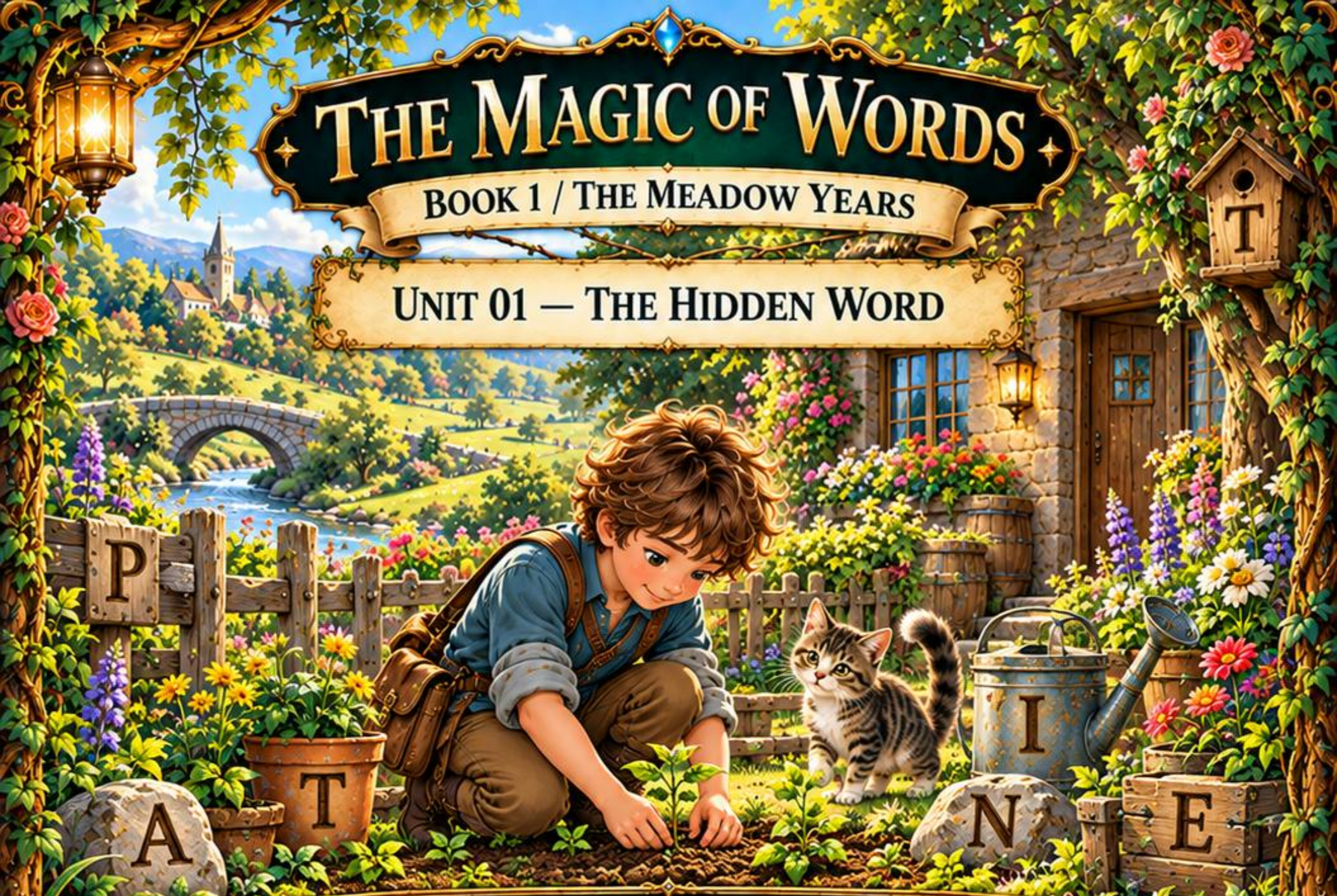
Unit 01 — The Hidden Word



Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

I wait calmly for a seed to grow instead of getting annoyed. Which adjective describes me?

INSTRUCTION: Find all 7 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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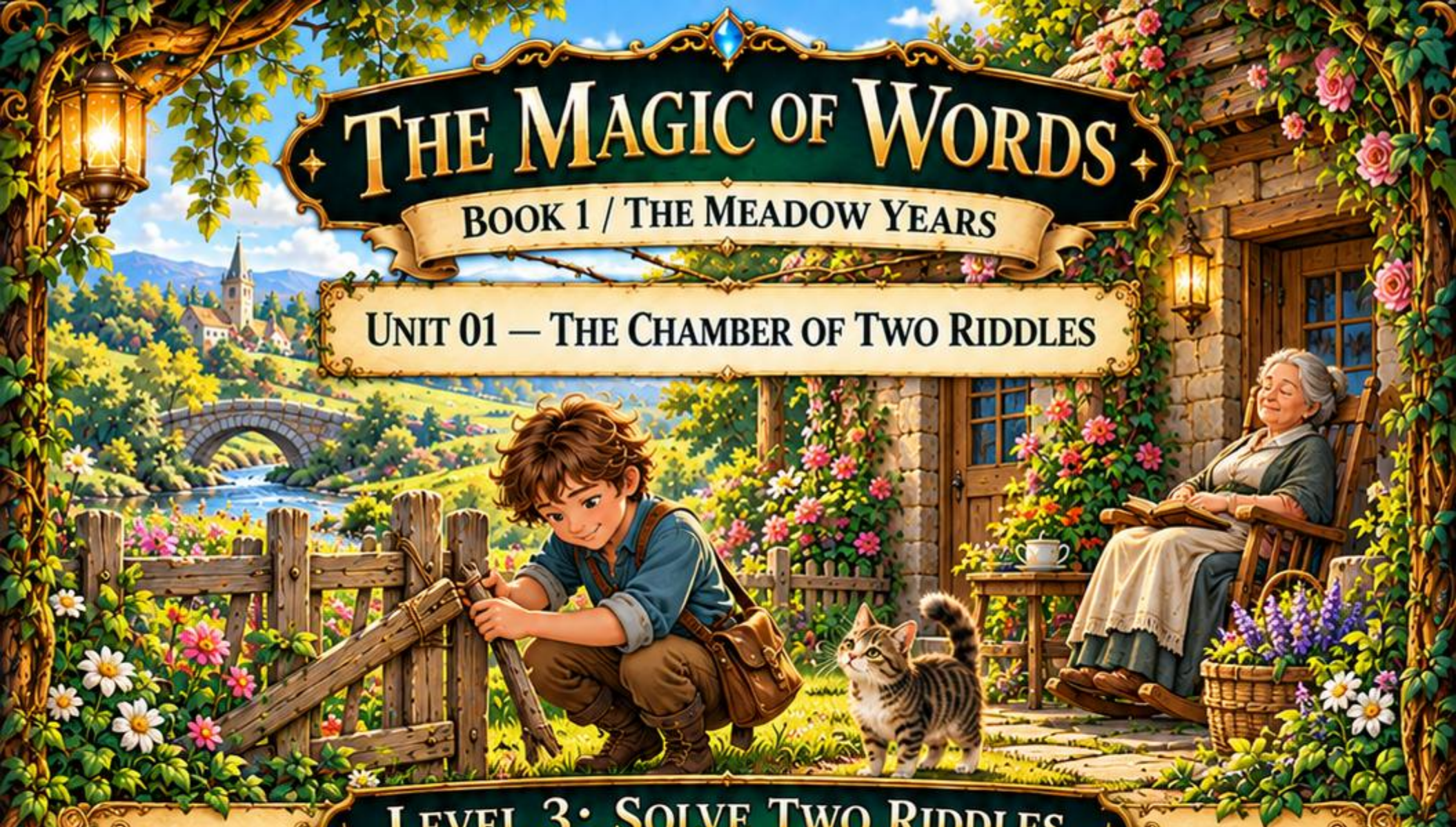
Unit 01 — The Chamber of Two Riddles



Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

When a tool is missing, I find another useful way to finish the job.
Which adjective describes this ability?

Hint: 10 Letters / Starts with R

2

I lower my voice because someone is resting nearby.
Which adjective means thoughtful about others' needs?

Hint: 11 Letters / Starts with C

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 01 — The Final Trial



Level 4: The Final Trial

1

Practice helps me trust my ability, even before I begin.
Which adjective means sure of myself?

Hint: 9 Letters / Starts with C

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. The _____ boy used a fallen branch to repair the fence.
2. Rowan was _____ about the footprints beside the stream.
3. Rowan was _____ and left the quiet corner for his grandmother.
4. The _____ boy watched the nest without disturbing the birds.

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 01 — The Wordkeeper's Archive



Curious



Say it: KYOOR-ee-us

Meaning: Wanting to learn or know more.

Example: Rowan was curious about the footprints beside the stream.

Patient



Say it: PAY-shunt

Meaning: Able to wait calmly without becoming annoyed.

Example: The patient boy watched the nest without disturbing the birds.

Resourceful



Say it: rih-SORS-ful

Meaning: Good at finding practical ways to solve problems.

Example: The resourceful boy used a fallen branch to repair the fence.

Considerate



Say it: kun-SID-ur-ut

Meaning: Thinking about other people's needs and feelings.

Example: Rowan was considerate and left the quiet corner for his grandmother.

Confident



Say it: KON-fih-dunt

Meaning: Feeling sure about your ability to do something.

Example: Rowan felt confident after practicing the song with his friends.



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Rowan's Journey

Unit 02 – Grandmother's Little Library

Grandmother's Little Library

On rainy afternoons, Rowan visited his grandmother's little library. One shelf held books that belonged to people who had lived in the valley long ago. His grandmother let him open a worn recipe book, but she asked him to turn its pages gently. Inside, he found marks that seemed to form a secret message. They compared the marks with a note in the back. Rowan discovered that learning from the past took care, effort, and a willingness to ask for help.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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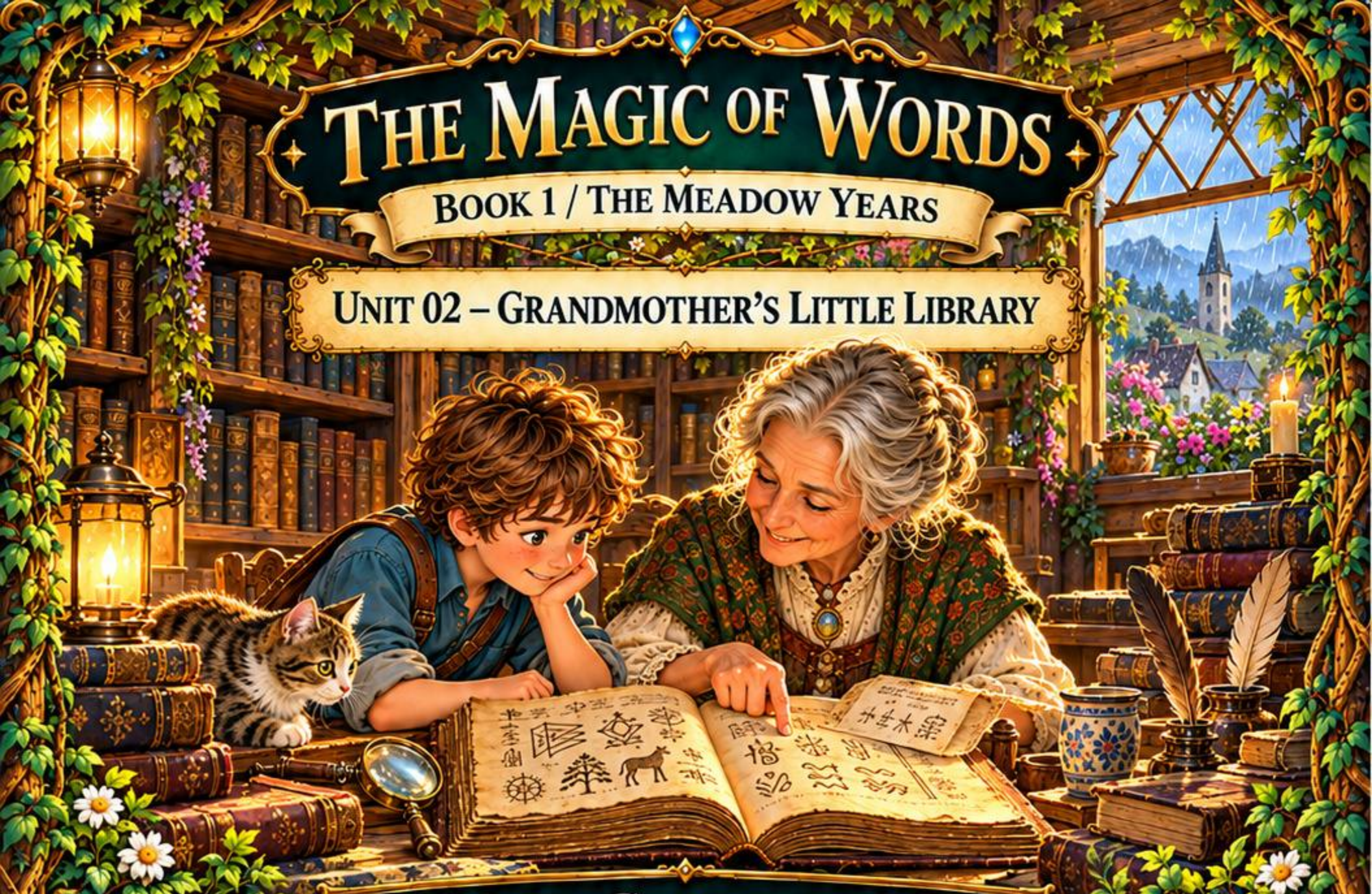

Level 1: Guess the Word

This book comes from a time thousands of years ago. Which adjective means extremely old?

Hint: 7 letters / Starts with A

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

_____

_____

_____

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 02 – Grandmother's Little Library



Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

A curtain hides a little door from view.
Which verb means to hide something from sight?

Instruction: Find all 7 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

An old page tears easily unless you handle it gently.
Which adjective means easily damaged?

Hint: 7 Letters / Starts with F

2

The marks are difficult to read, but I work out their message.
Which verb means to decode unclear writing?

Hint: 8 Letters / Starts with D

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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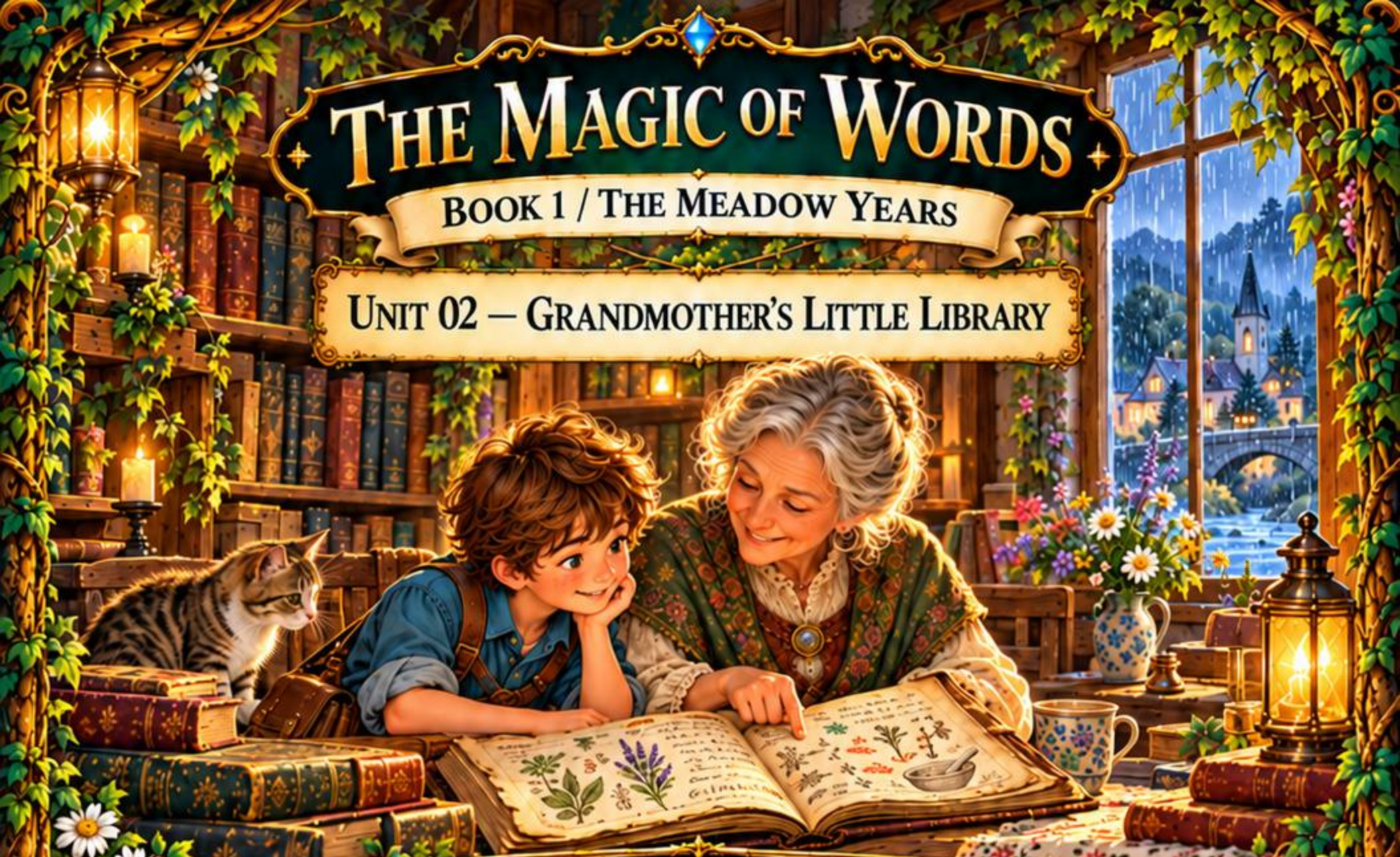

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

Grandmother uses knowledge and experience to make good decisions. What noun names this good judgment?

Hint: 6 Letters / Starts with W

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. Rowan handled the _____ pages with clean, gentle hands.
2. Grandmother showed Rowan an _____ book from the village library.
3. Grandmother helped Rowan _____ the faded marks in the recipe book.
4. The wooden screen could _____ the little cupboard from visitors.

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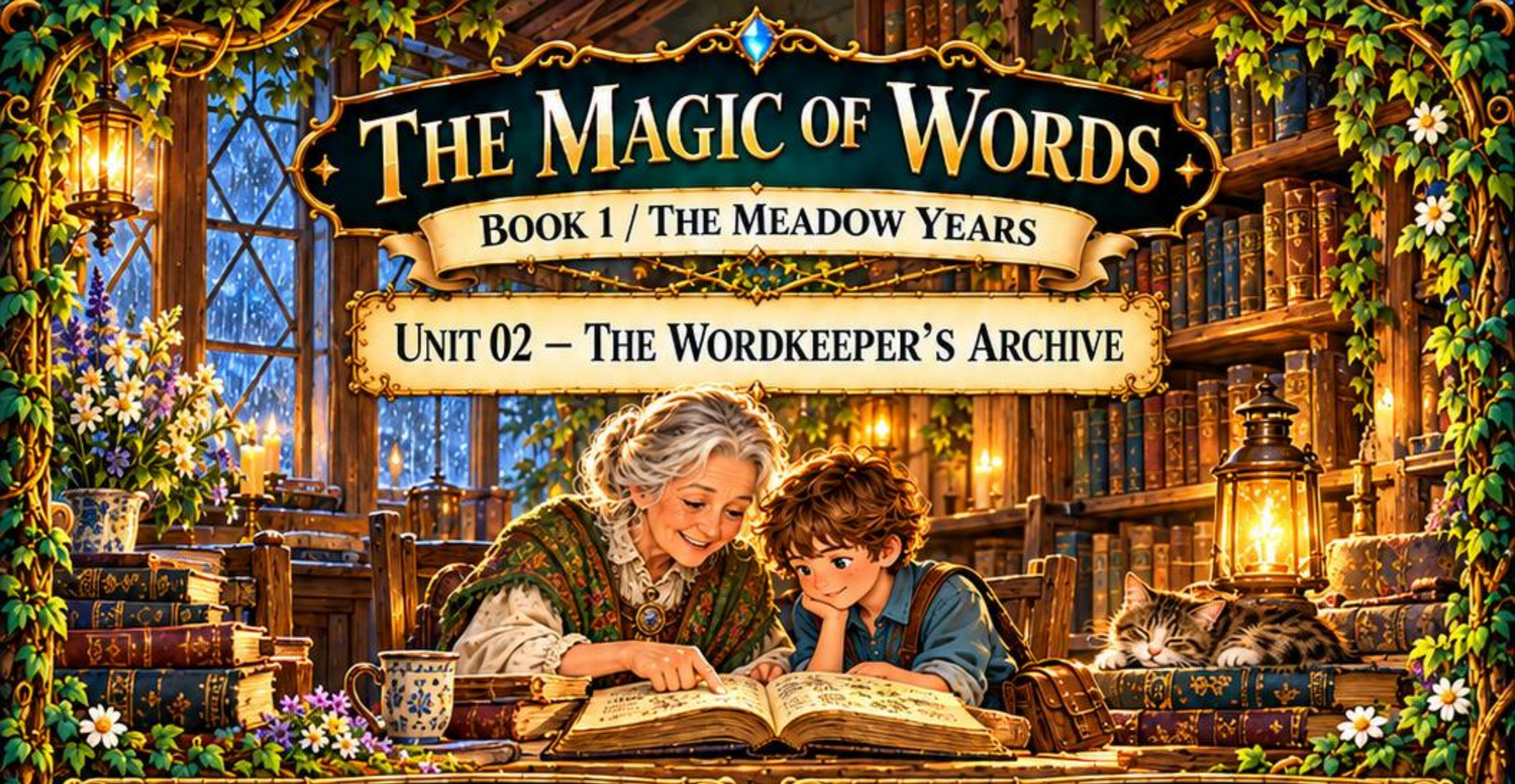

Ancient



Say it: AYN-shunt

Meaning: Very old; from a time long ago.

Example: Grandmother showed Rowan an ancient book from the village library.

Conceal



Say it: kun-SEEL

Meaning: To hide something from sight.

Example: The wooden screen could conceal the little cupboard from visitors.

Fragile



Say it: FRAJ-ul

Meaning: Easy to break or damage.

Example: Rowan handled the fragile pages with clean, gentle hands.

Decipher



Say it: dih-SY-fur

Meaning: To work out the meaning of a code or unclear writing.

Example: Grandmother helped Rowan decipher the faded marks in the recipe book.

Wisdom

Say it: WIZ-dum

Meaning: Good judgment gained from knowledge and experience.

Example: Rowan valued the wisdom his grandmother shared during their visits.



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Unit 03 – The Kite on the Hill

The Kite on the Hill

By the next spring, Rowan wanted to build a kite of his own. His father spread paper and string across a table outside. Rowan made the first frame too heavy, so they tried again with thinner sticks. On the hill, a gust shook the kite and pulled it sideways. They waited for calmer air before letting out more string. Watching the kite climb, Rowan began to understand that wind could help him, but he could not tell it what to do.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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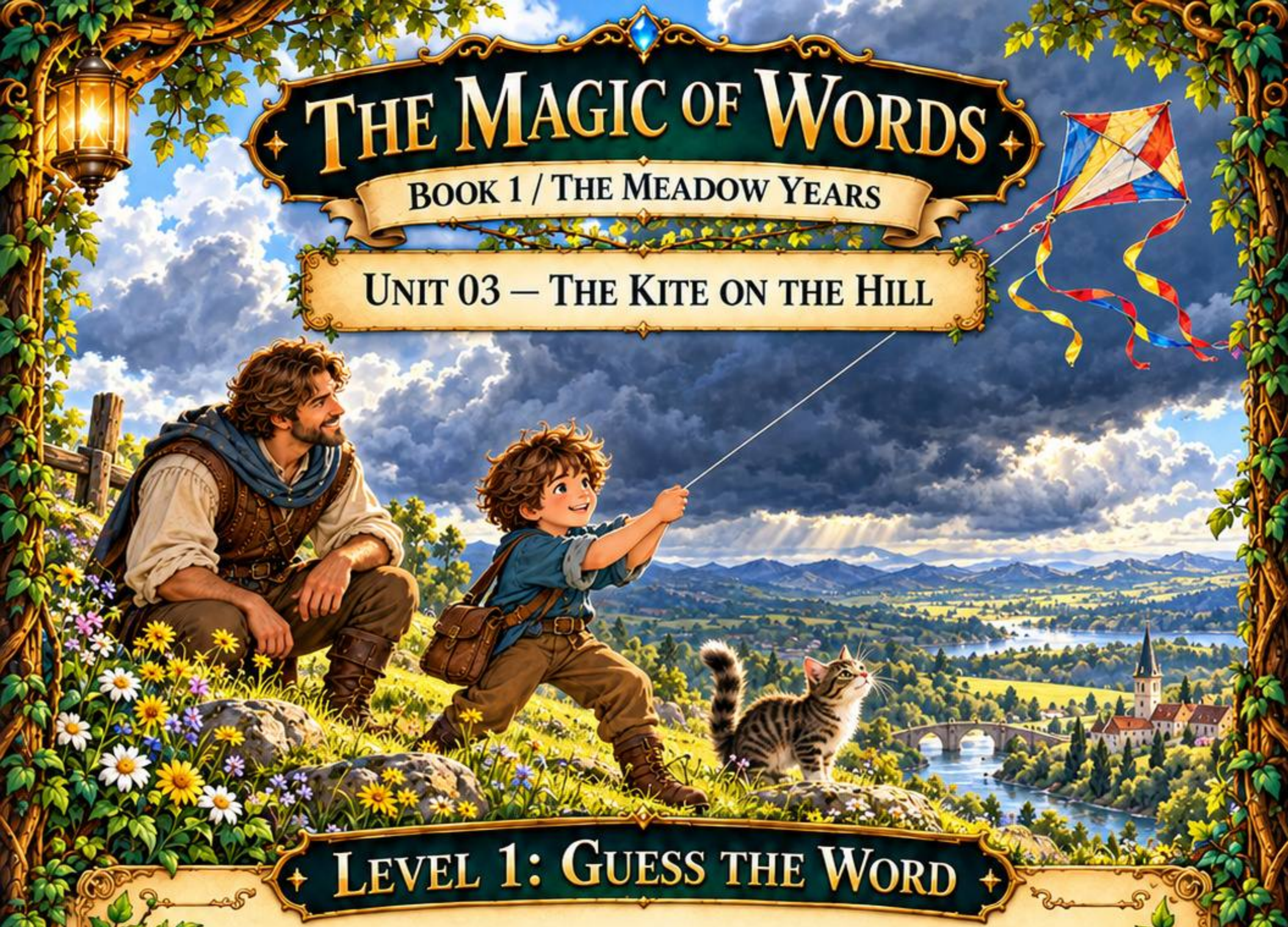

Level 1: Guess the Word

A cloud seems to cover nearly the whole sky.
Which adjective means extremely large?

Hint: 7 letters / Starts with I

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

One small piece breaks off the kite's wooden frame.
What noun names this broken piece?

Instruction: Find all 8 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

We hang a basket from a branch so it stays above the ground.
Which verb means to hang something from above?

Hint: 7 letters / Starts with S

2

The wind moves wildly and keeps changing, shaking the kite.
Which adjective describes this unsteady air?

Hint: 9 letters / Starts with T

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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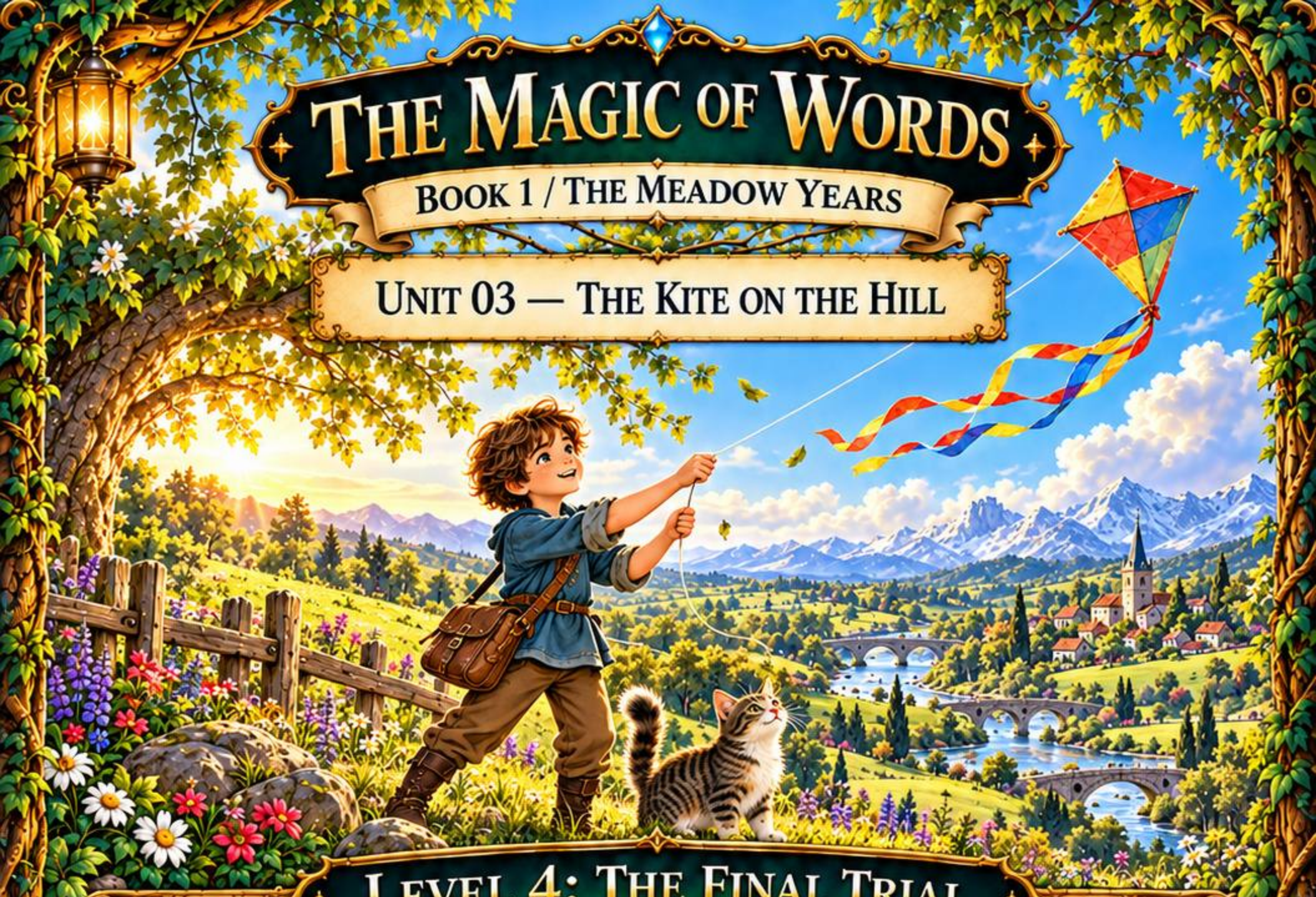

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

The kite rises high above the hill and stays in the air.
Which verb means to fly high?

Hint: 4 Letters / Starts with S

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2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. They used a strong cord to _____ the basket from a branch.
2. An _____ cloud cast a shadow over the meadow.
3. The _____ air shook the kite above the hill.
4. A _____ of the broken kite lay beside the table.

1 2 3 4 5

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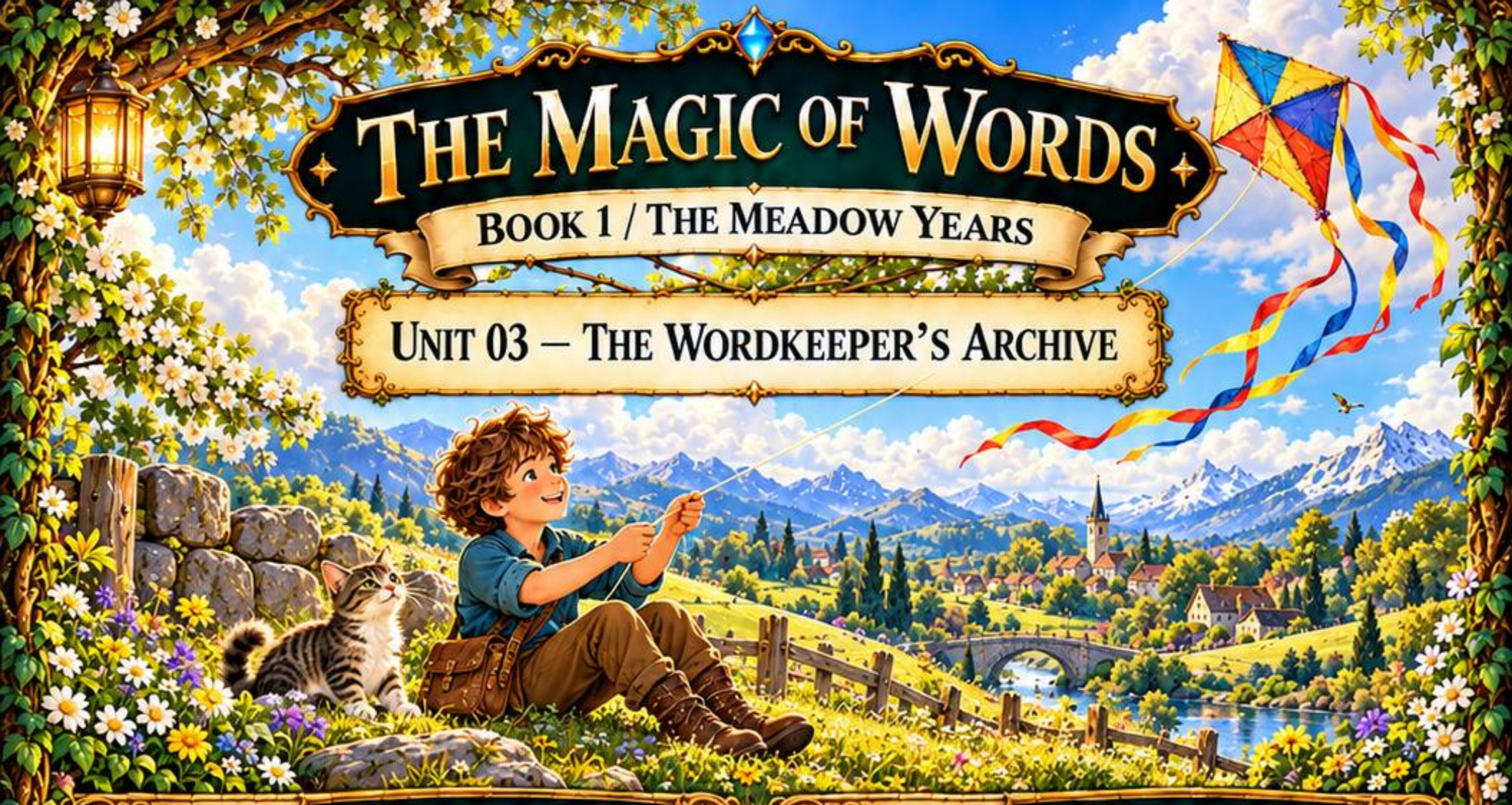

Immense



Say it: ih-MENS

Meaning: Extremely large.

Example: An immense cloud cast a shadow over the meadow.

Fragment



Say it: FRAG-munt

Meaning: A small piece broken off something larger.

Example: A fragment of the broken kite lay beside the table.

Suspend



Say it: suh-SPEND

Meaning: To hang or hold something above the ground.

Example: They used a strong cord to suspend the basket from a branch.

Turbulent



Say it: TUR-byuh-lunt

Meaning: Moving violently or irregularly; not calm.

Example: The turbulent air shook the kite above the hill.

Soar

Say it: SOR

Meaning: To fly high in the air.

Example: Rowan watched his paper kite soar over the meadow.



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Unit 04 — The Garden Paths



The Garden Paths

Behind the village school stood a greenhouse and a small hedge maze. Rowan and his friend Mira visited them after class. Light shone through the glass, and the pond showed an upside-down picture of the roof.
In the maze, they met a branch lying across the narrow path. Mira wanted to climb over it, but Rowan suggested another route. They studied the turns together. Finding their way was easier when they shared what each of them had noticed.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?





LEVEL 1: GUESS THE WORD

Many tiny shapes fit together in a detailed garden design. Which adjective means complex and carefully detailed?

HINT: 9 LETTERS / STARTS WITH I

YOUR TURN

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

The pond sends back an image of the greenhouse.
Which verb describes what a mirror does?

Instruction: Find all 7 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

We can see the plants clearly through the greenhouse glass.
Which adjective means clear enough to see through?

Hint: 11 Letters / Starts with T

2

We study the turns and find our way through the maze.
Which verb means to find and follow a route?

Hint: 8 Letters / Starts with N

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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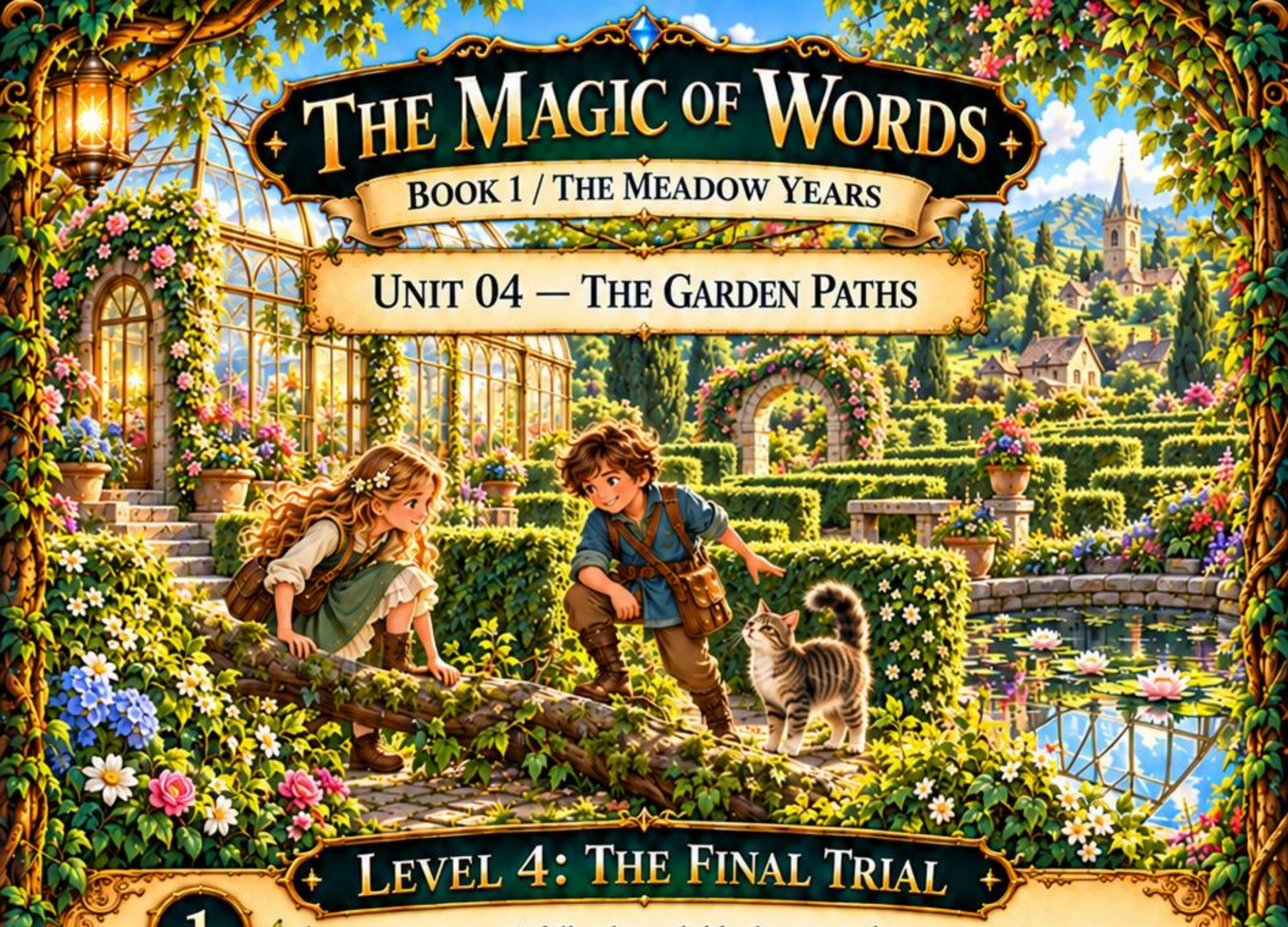

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

A fallen branch blocks our path.
What noun names something that gets in the way?

Hint: 8 letters / Starts with O

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. Sunlight passed through the _____ glass above the seedlings.
2. The gardener drew an _____ pattern for the flower beds.
3. Rowan and Mira used the map to _____ the garden maze.
4. The still pond could _____ the greenhouse roof clearly.

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 04 — The Wordkeeper's Archive



Intricate



Say it: IN-trih-kut

Meaning: Having many small, carefully arranged details.

Example: The gardener drew an intricate pattern for the flower beds.

Reflect



Say it: rih-FLEKT

Meaning: To send back light or show an image.

Example: The still pond could reflect the greenhouse roof clearly.

Transparent



Say it: trans-PAIR-unt

Meaning: Clear enough to see through.

Example: Sunlight passed through the transparent glass above the seedlings.

Navigate



Say it: NAV-ih-gayt

Meaning: To find and follow a route through a place.

Example: Rowan and Mira used the map to navigate the garden maze.

Obstacle

Say it: OB-stuh-kul

Meaning: Something that blocks your way or makes progress difficult.

Example: A fallen branch was an obstacle on the narrow path.



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Unit 05 – A Morning in the Mist

A Morning in the Mist

One autumn morning, mist lay over the meadow like a soft blanket. Rowan and his older sister followed the familiar path to the sheep field. The far gate was hidden, and a bell sounded very quiet through the damp air. Rowan wanted to hurry, but this sister reminded him to check each turn. As the sun rose, the fence slowly came back into view. A place he knew well could still teach him to pay attention.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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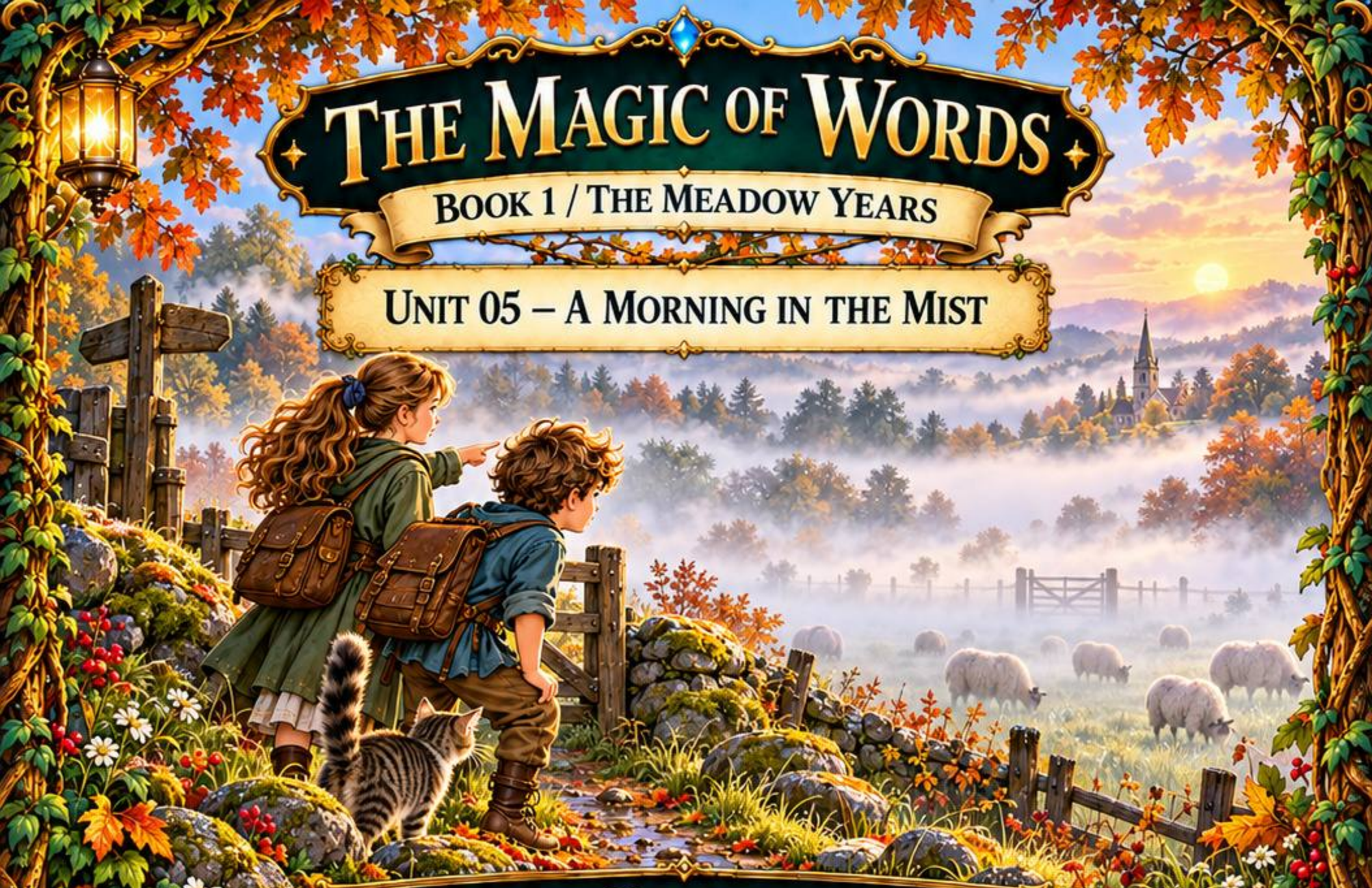
Unit 05 – A Morning in the Mist



Level 1: Guess the Word

Thick mist hides the far gate from view.
Which verb means to make something
difficult to see?

Hint: 7 letters / Starts with O

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 05 – A Morning in the Mist



Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

We check the path carefully because we cannot see far ahead. Which adjective means careful to avoid danger?

Instruction: Find all 8 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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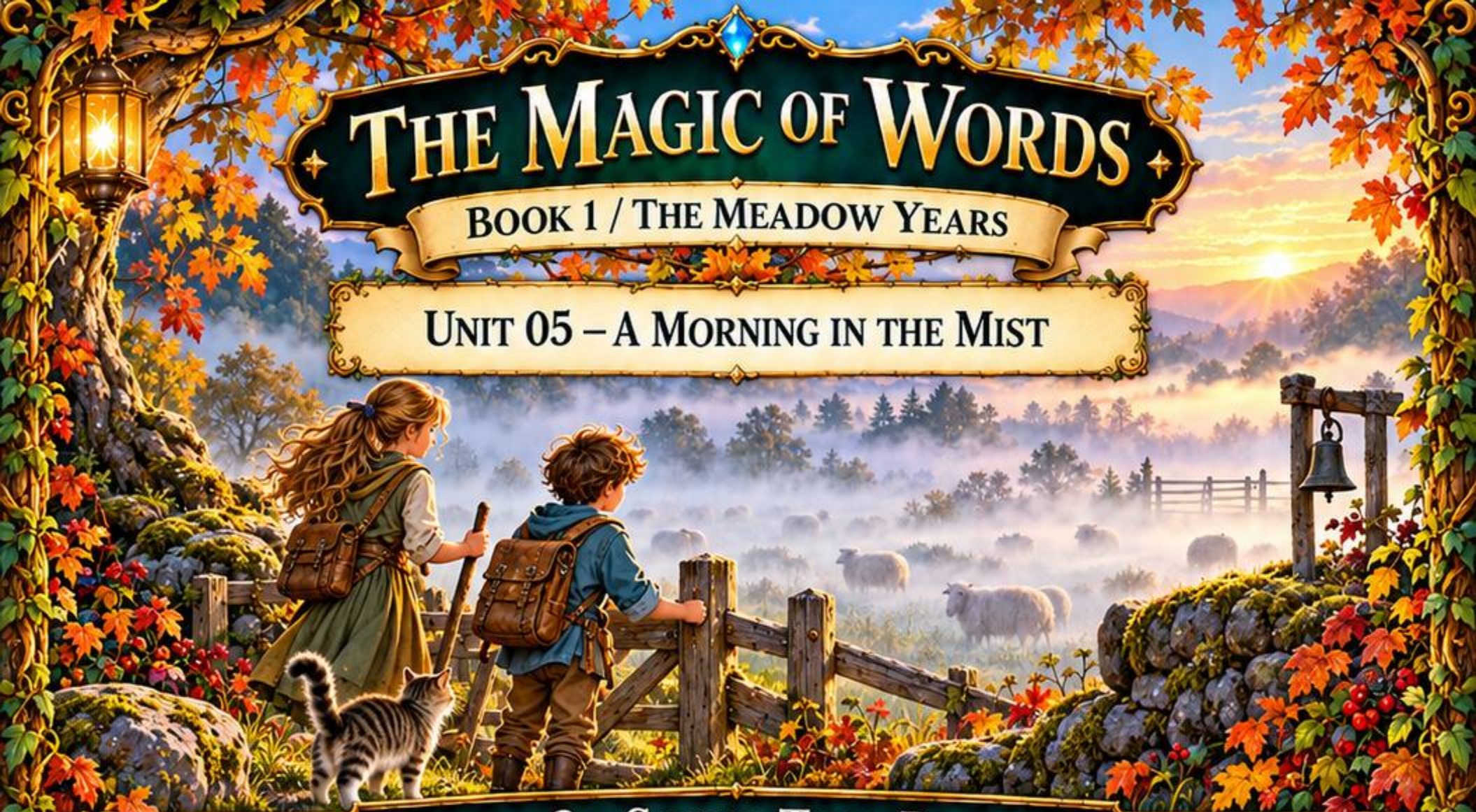

Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

The bell is so quiet that we can barely hear it.
Which adjective means weak or difficult to notice?

Hint: 5 Letters / Starts with F

2

The sheep disappear from view behind the mist.
Which verb means to disappear?

Hint: 6 Letters / Starts with V

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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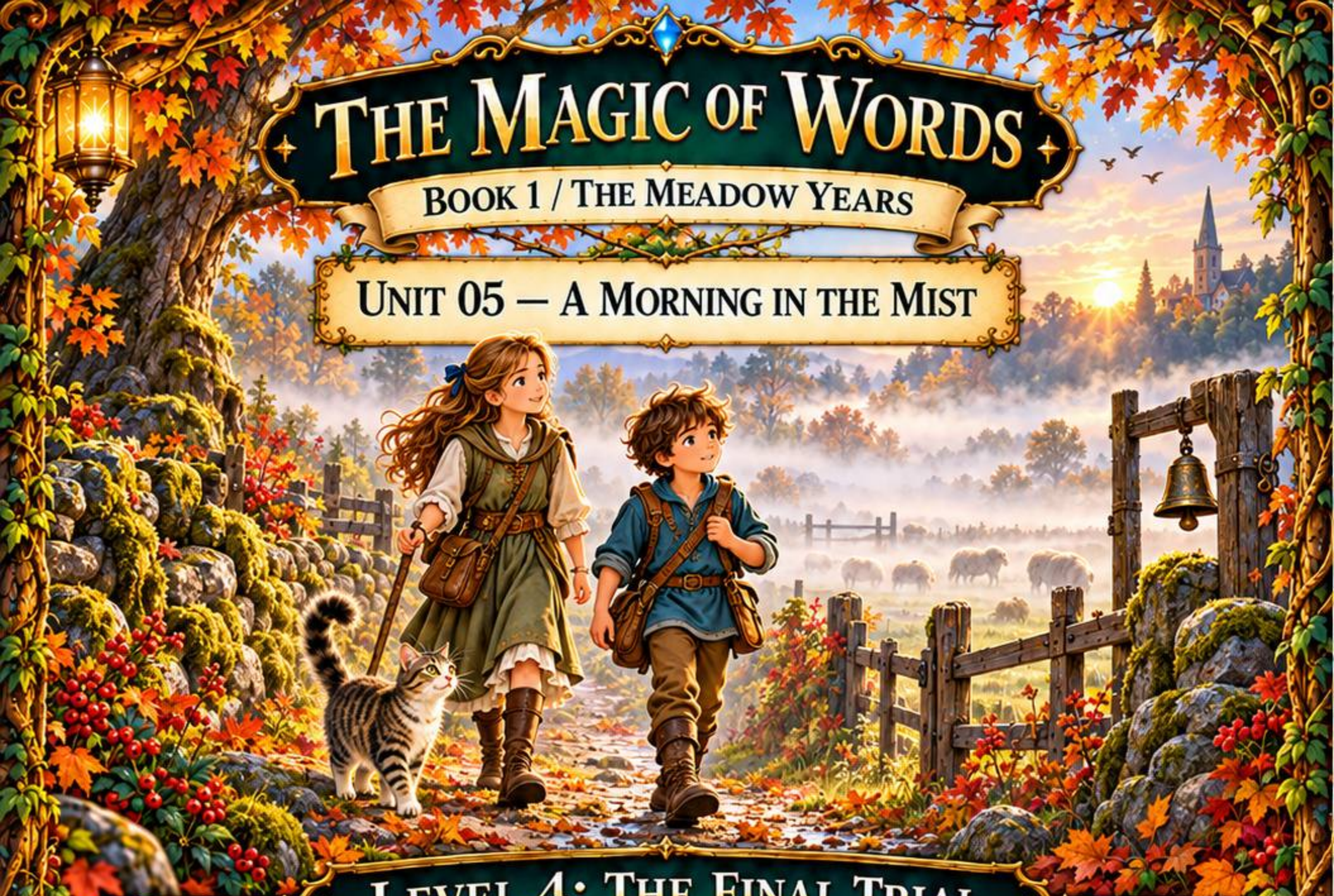

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

The empty lane feels strangely quiet and a little frightening.
Which adjective describes this feeling?

Hint: 5 Letters / Starts with E

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. A _____ bell sounded from the sheep field.
2. Morning mist could _____ the gate at the far end of the field.
3. The far fence seemed to _____ into the thick mist.
4. The _____ children checked the path before walking farther.

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 05 – The Wordkeeper's Archive

Obscure



Say it: ub-SKYOOR

Meaning: To hide something or make it hard to see.

Example: Morning mist could obscure the gate at the far end of the field.

Cautious



Say it: KAW-shus

Meaning: Careful to avoid danger or mistakes.

Example: The cautious children checked the path before walking farther.

Faint



Say it: FAYNT

Meaning: Not strong, bright, or loud; hard to notice.

Example: A faint bell sounded from the sheep field.

Vanish



Say it: VAN-ish

Meaning: To disappear from sight.

Example: The far fence seemed to vanish into the thick mist.

Eerie

Say it: EER-ee

Meaning: Strange and a little frightening.

Example: The empty lane felt eerie before the morning birds began to sing.



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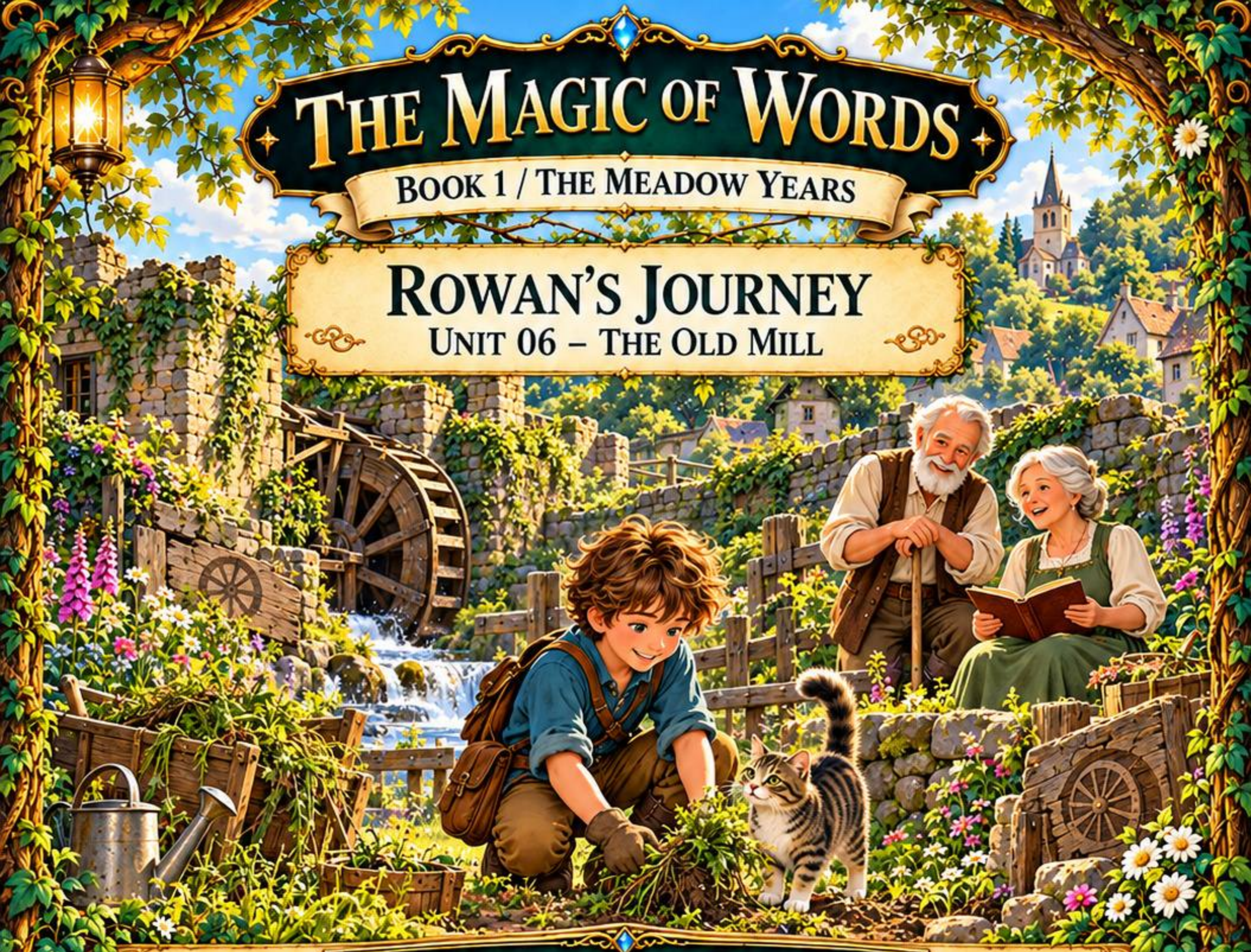
Rowan's Journey

Unit 06 – The Old Mill



The Old Mill

The old mill had stood empty since before Rowan was born. His grandparents remembered when its wheel turned beside the stream. They showed him a cracked stone wall and the last piece of a wooden sign. The village decided to repair the garden around the mill. Rowan cleared weeds while his grandparents shared songs they had learned as children. He began to see that caring for a place could also mean caring for the stories connected to it.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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Unit 06 — The Old Mill



Level 1: Guess the Word

People leave the mill behind and stop using or caring for it. Which verb describes leaving it this way?

Hint: 7 letters / starts with A

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 06 — The Old Mill



Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

Only one piece of the old sign is left.
What noun means a small part that remains?

Instruction: Find all 7 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

UNIT 06 – THE OLD MILL



LEVEL 3: SOLVE TWO RIDDLES

1

The villagers repair the mill and bring it back to good condition.
Which verb means to repair in this way?

HINT: 7 LETTERS / STARTS WITH R

2

The village protects old songs and traditions passed down by earlier generations. What noun names this shared inheritance?

HINT: 8 LETTERS / STARTS WITH H

YOUR TURN

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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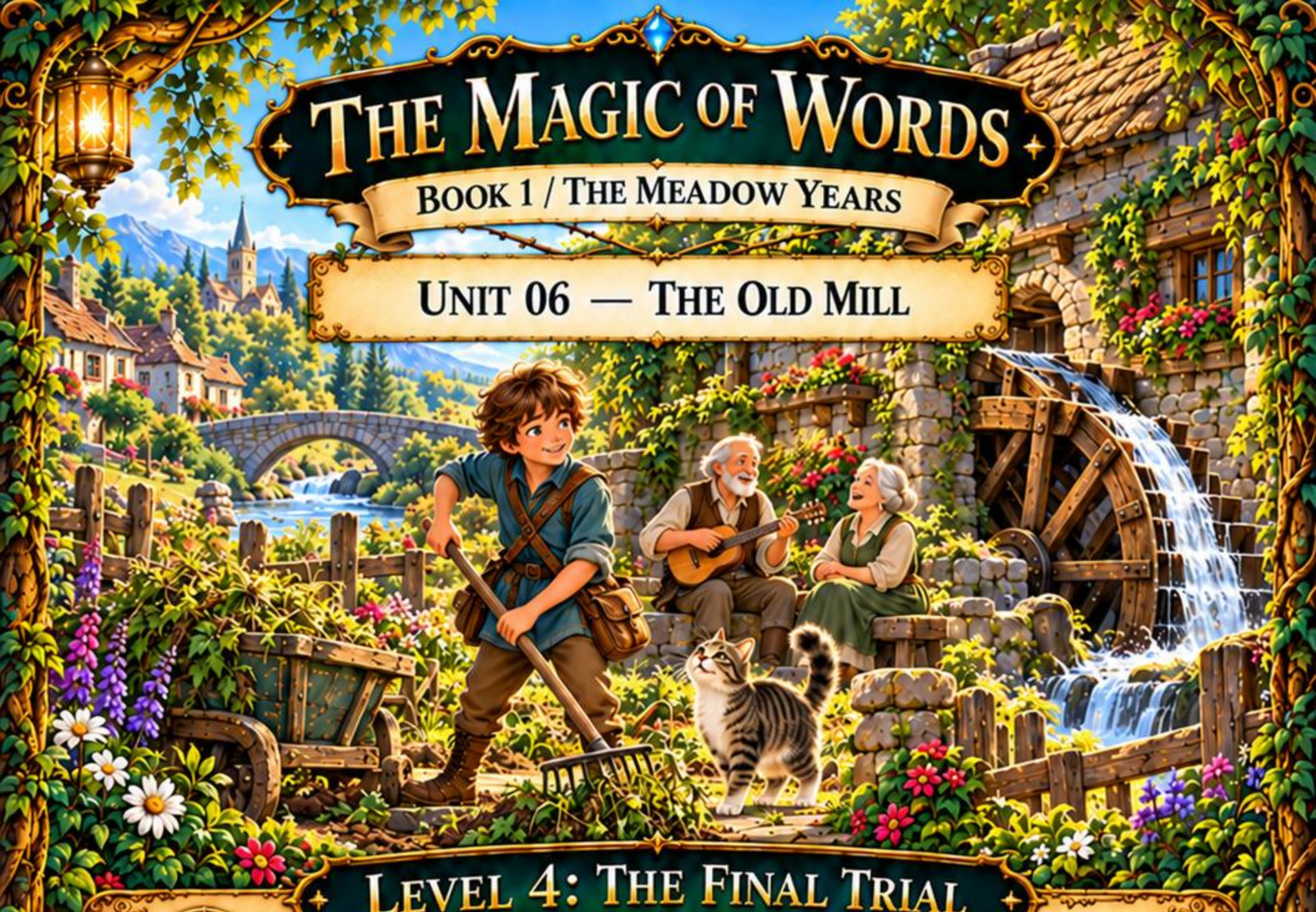

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

With enough food and steady work, the village grows successful.
Which verb means to do well and become successful?

Hint: 7 Letters / Starts with P

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. The villagers worked together to _____ the old garden.
2. The family did not want to _____ the old mill forever.
3. The songs were part of the village's shared _____.
4. One wooden beam was a _____ of the mill's roof.

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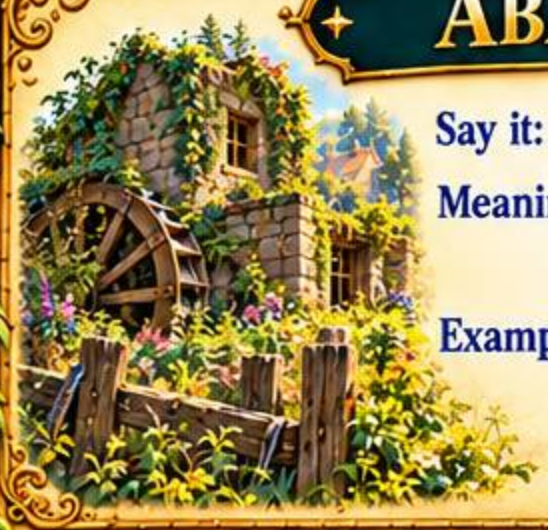
Unit 06 — The Wordkeeper's Archive

Abandon



Say it: uh-BAN-dun

Meaning: To leave a person, place, or thing behind.

Example: The family did not want to abandon the old mill forever.

Remnant



Say it: REM-nunt

Meaning: A small part left after the rest has gone.

Example: One wooden beam was a remnant of the mill's roof.

Restore



Say it: rih-STOR

Meaning: To bring something back to a good or earlier condition.

Example: The villagers worked together to restore the old garden.

Heritage



Say it: HAIR-ih-tij

Meaning: Traditions, history, or valued things passed down from the past.

Example: The songs were part of the village's shared heritage.

Prosper

Say it: PROS-pur

Meaning: To grow, succeed, or do well.

Example: The village began to prosper when the repaired mill opened.



ROWAN'S JOURNEY

UNIT 07 – LESSONS AT THE STREAM

Lessons at the Stream

At eleven, Rowan joined a lesson beside the village stream. The teacher dropped a leaf onto the water and asked the children to watch where it traveled. Then they measured a shallow pool from the bank with a marked stick. A borrowed scoop slipped into the water, and the teacher fetched it safely. Rowan stayed on the bank and recorded what he saw. He learned that careful watching and sensible questions could turn an ordinary afternoon into a useful lesson.

THINK

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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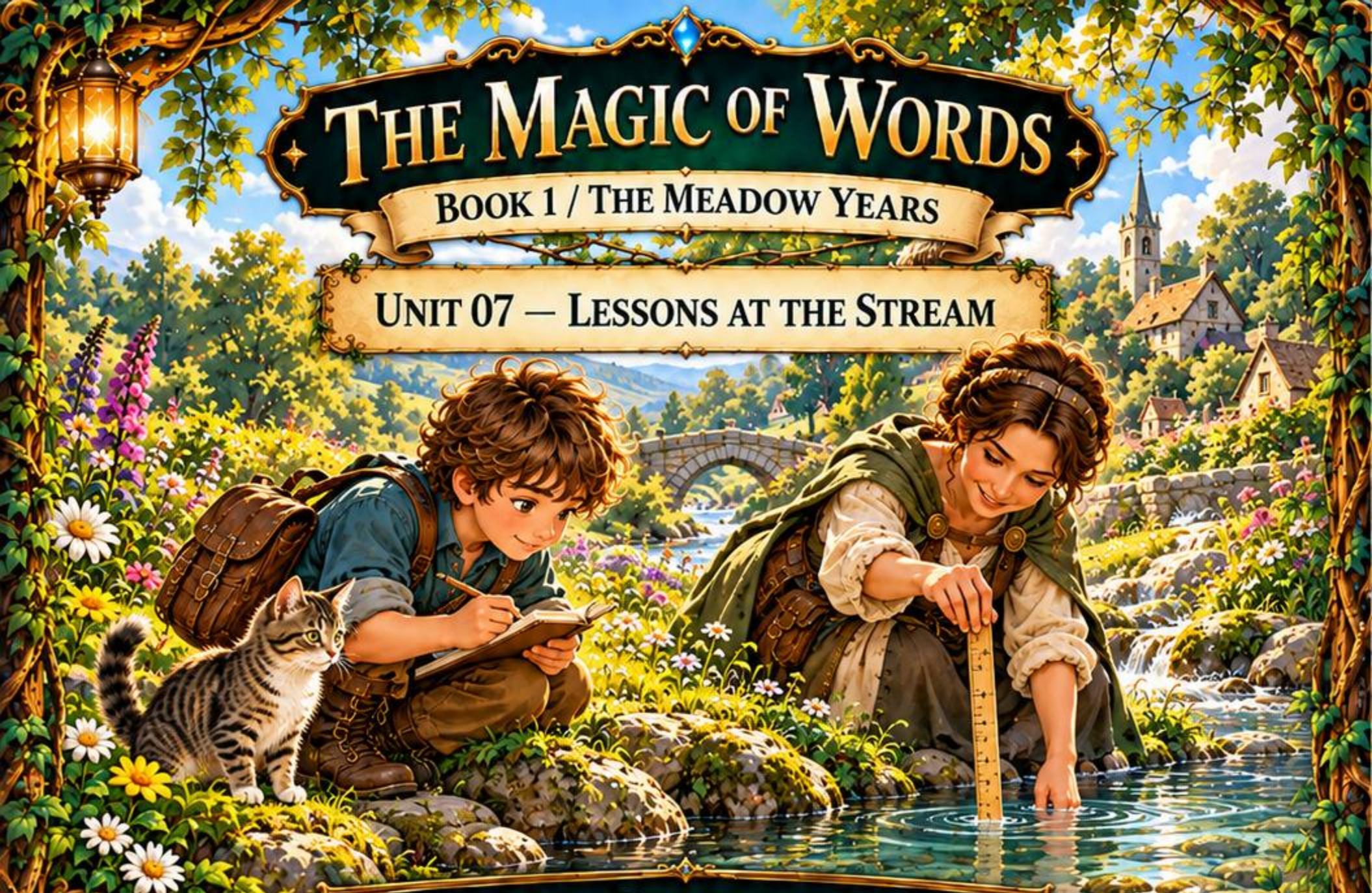
Unit 07 — Lessons at the Stream



Level 1: Guess the Word

We lower a marked stick until it is completely under water. Which verb means to put something fully beneath water?

Hint: 8 letters / starts with S

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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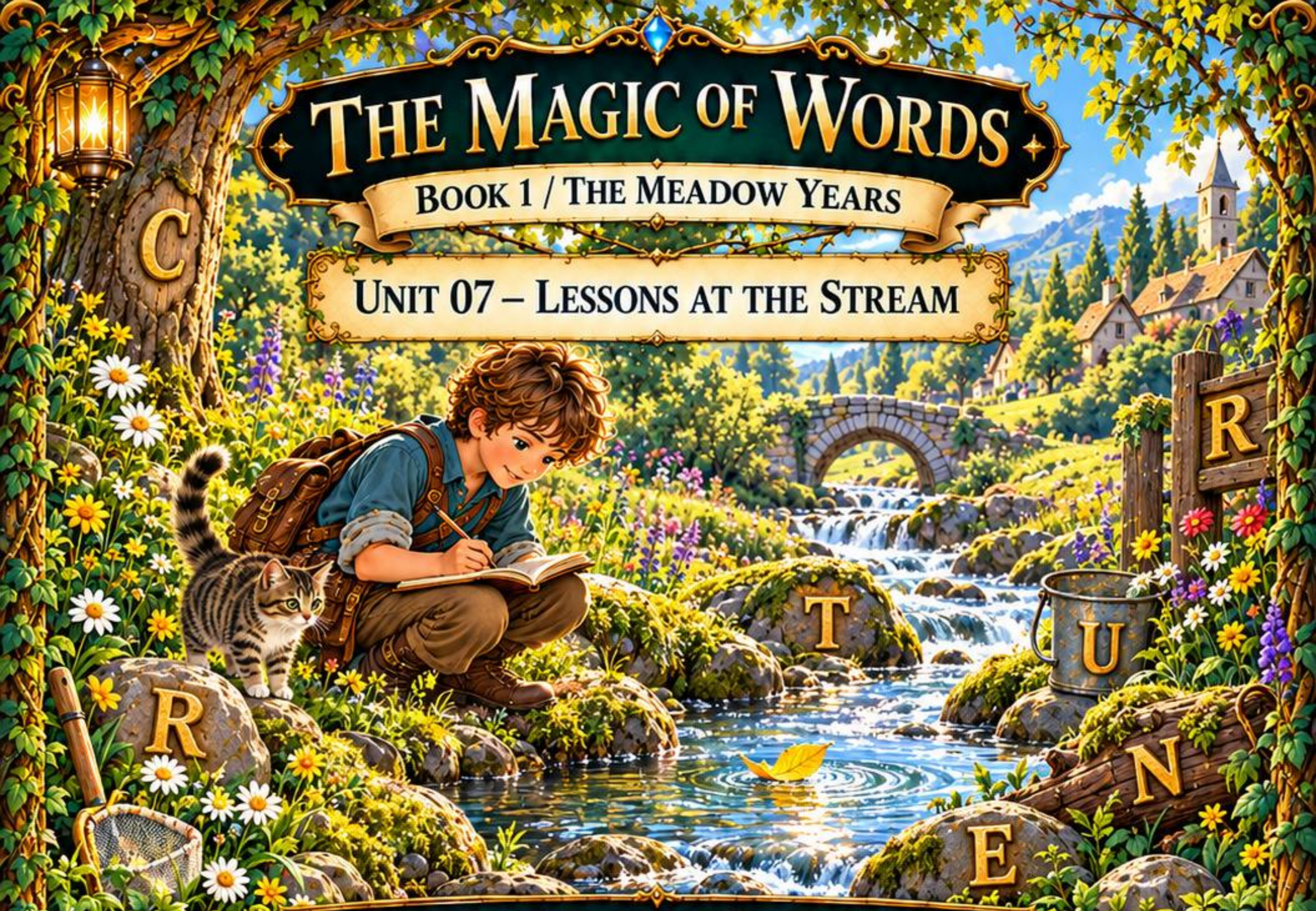

Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

A steady flow carries a leaf downstream.
What noun names water moving in one direction?

Instruction: Find all 7 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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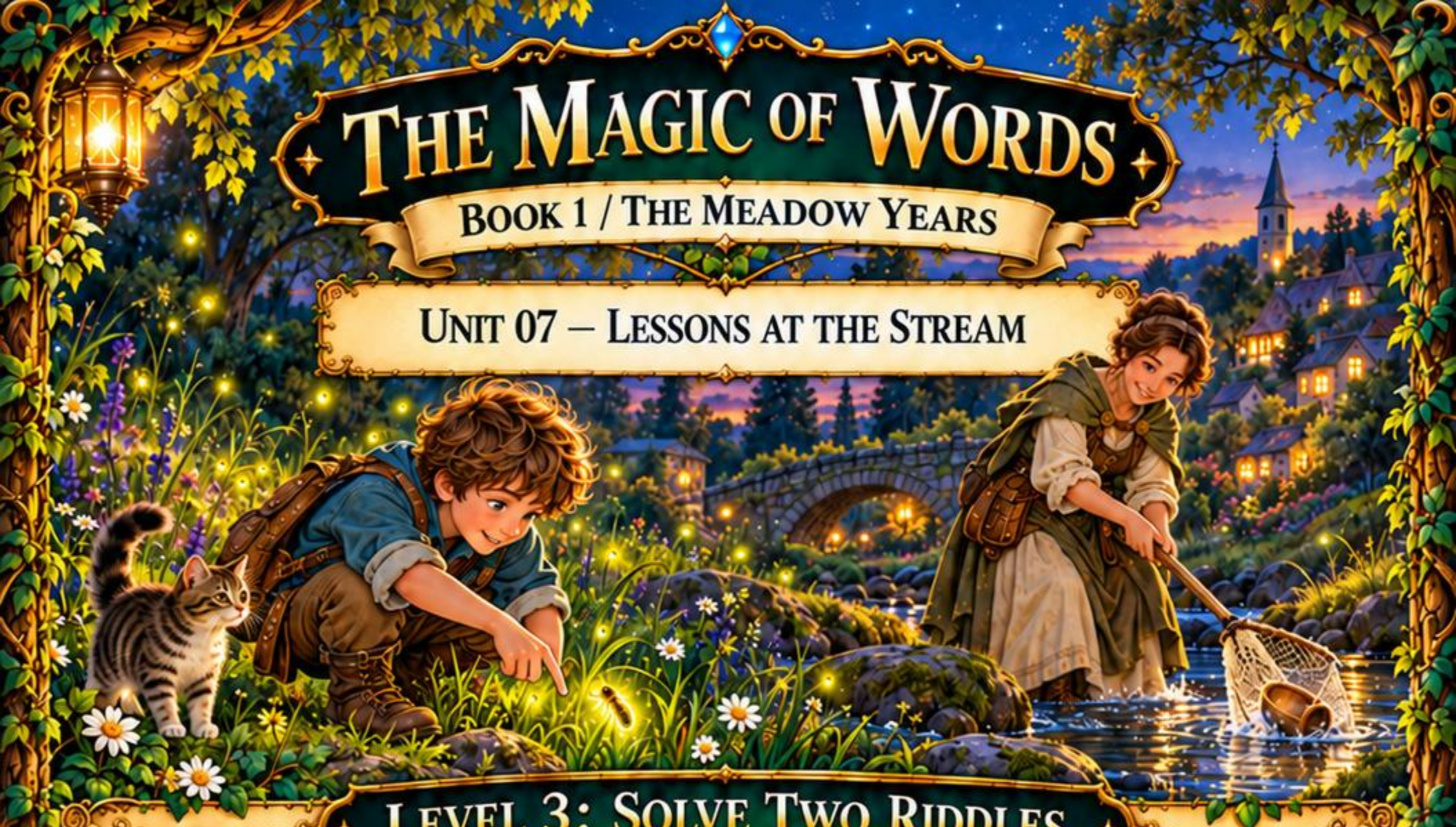

LEVEL 3: SOLVE TWO RIDDLES

1

A glowworm gives off light in the dark grass.
Which adjective means producing light?

HINT: 8 LETTERS / STARTS WITH L

2

The teacher goes back and brings the lost scoop to the bank.
Which verb means to get something back?

HINT: 8 LETTERS / STARTS WITH R

YOUR TURN

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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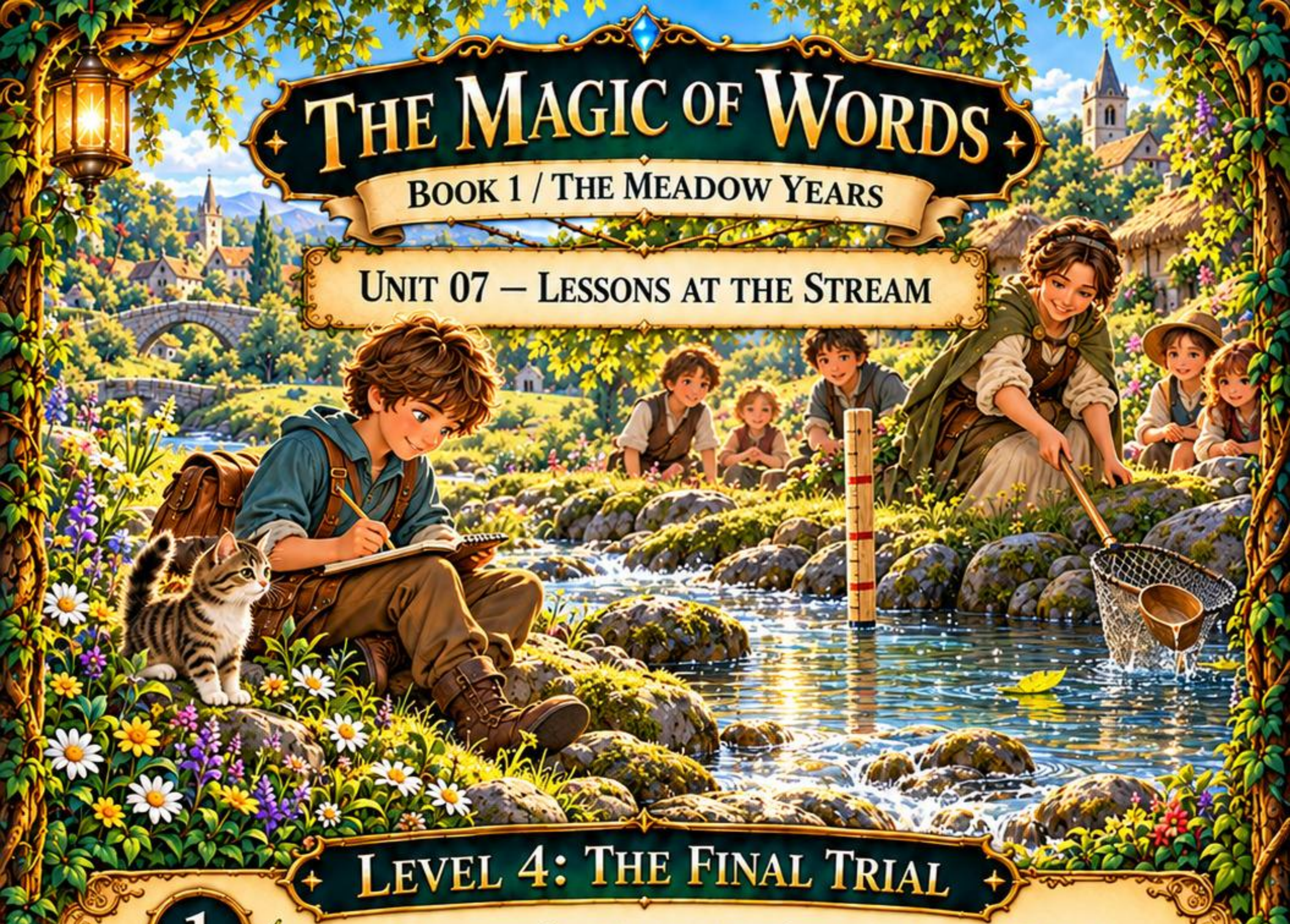

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

We measure from the water's surface to the bottom of a pool.
What noun names this distance?

Hint: 5 Letters / Starts with D

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. A _____ glowworm shone beside the meadow path after sunset.
2. The teacher chose to _____ the marked stick in the pool.
3. The teacher used a long net to _____ the borrowed scoop.
4. The _____ carried a yellow leaf past the bank.

1 2 3 4 5

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Submerge

Say it: sub-MURJ

Meaning: To put something completely under water.

Example: The teacher chose to submerge the marked stick in the pool.

Current

Say it: KUR-unt

Meaning: Water or air moving steadily in one direction.

Example: The current carried a yellow leaf past the bank.

Luminous

Say it: LOO-mih-nus

Meaning: Giving off light; glowing.

Example: A luminous glowworm shone beside the meadow path after sunset.

Retrieve

Say it: rih-TREEV

Meaning: To go and get something back.

Example: The teacher used a long net to retrieve the borrowed scoop.

Depth

Say it: DEPTH

Meaning: The distance from the top or surface to the bottom.

Example: Rowan recorded the depth of the pool in his notebook.

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Rowan's Journey

Unit 08 – The Growing Garden



The Growing Garden

Rowan and Mira were given a corner of the community garden. At first, they planted their beans too close together. Soon the vines caught around the small fence, and some leaves received very little light. The children moved the supports and gave each plant more room. A storm bent one young stem, but it grew upright again. By summer, flowers filled their corner. Rowan was discovering that living things needed the right conditions, as well as regular care.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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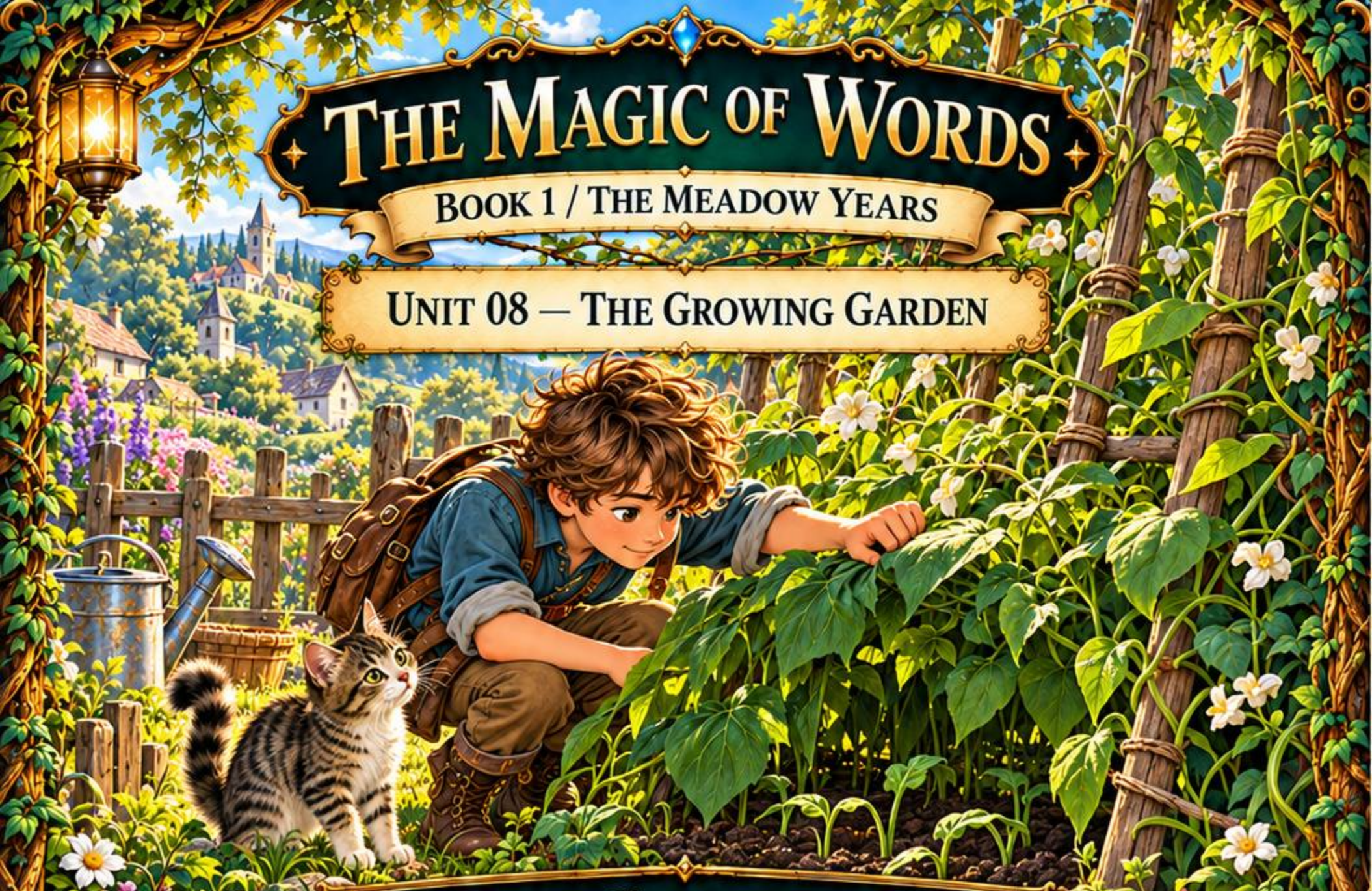

Level 1: Guess the Word

The leaves grow so close together that little light passes through. Which adjective means closely packed?

Hint: 5 Letters / Starts with D

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

Long bean vines twist around the fence and catch a loose string.
Which verb means to catch in a tangle?

Instruction: Find all 8 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

A bent plant recovers and grows upright again.
Which adjective means able to recover after damage?

Hint: 9 Letters / Starts with R

2

The plants grow strongly when they have sunlight,
water, and space. Which verb means to grow very well?

Hint: 8 Letters / Starts with F

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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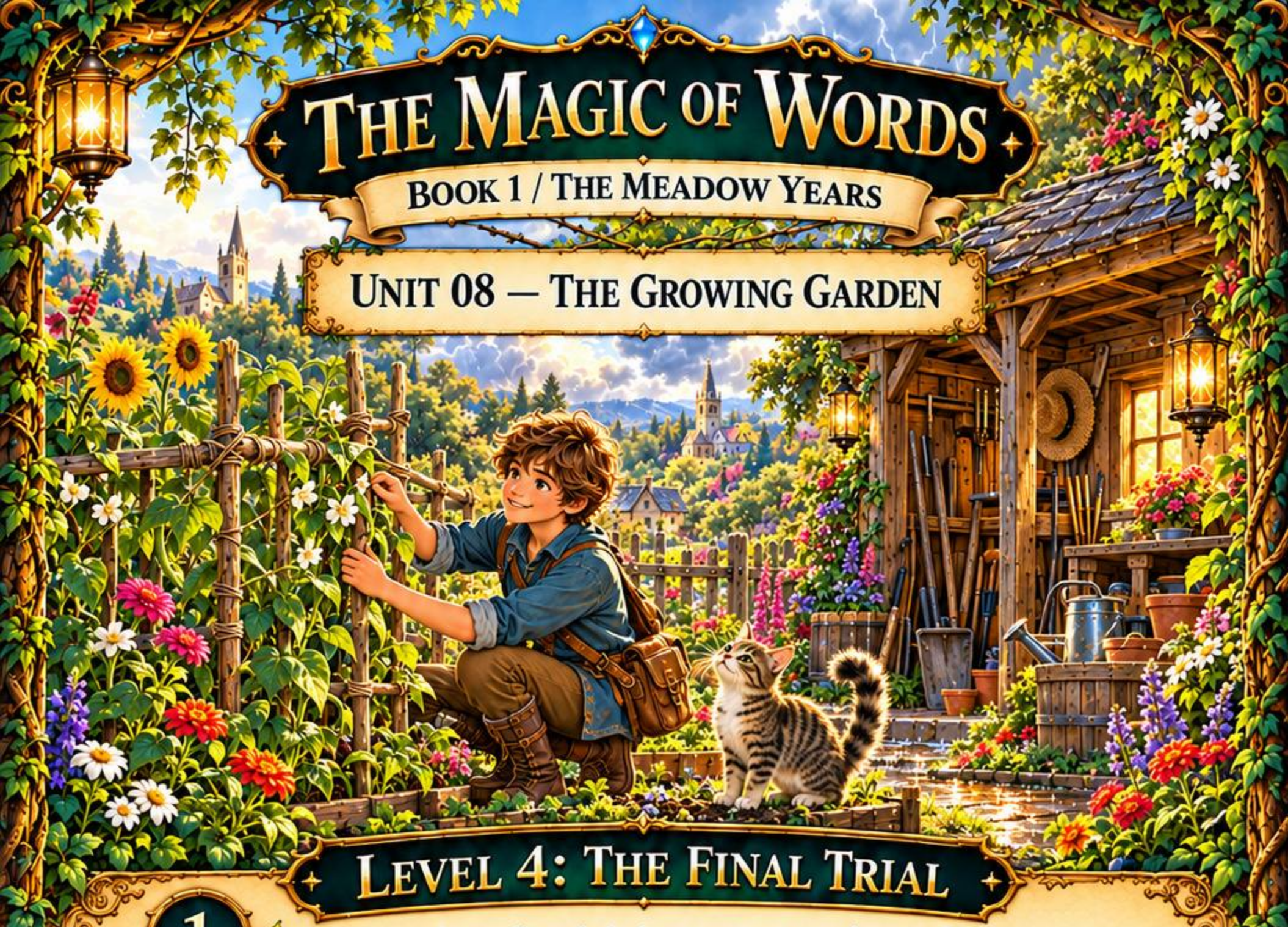

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

A small roofed place protects us from rain.
What noun names a place that gives protection?

Hint: 7 letters / starts with S

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. The _____ bean plant recovered after the heavy rain.
2. The _____ leaves kept sunlight from reaching the small plants.
3. The flowers began to _____ when they received enough sunlight.
4. Long vines can _____ a loose string on the garden fence.

1 2 3 4 5

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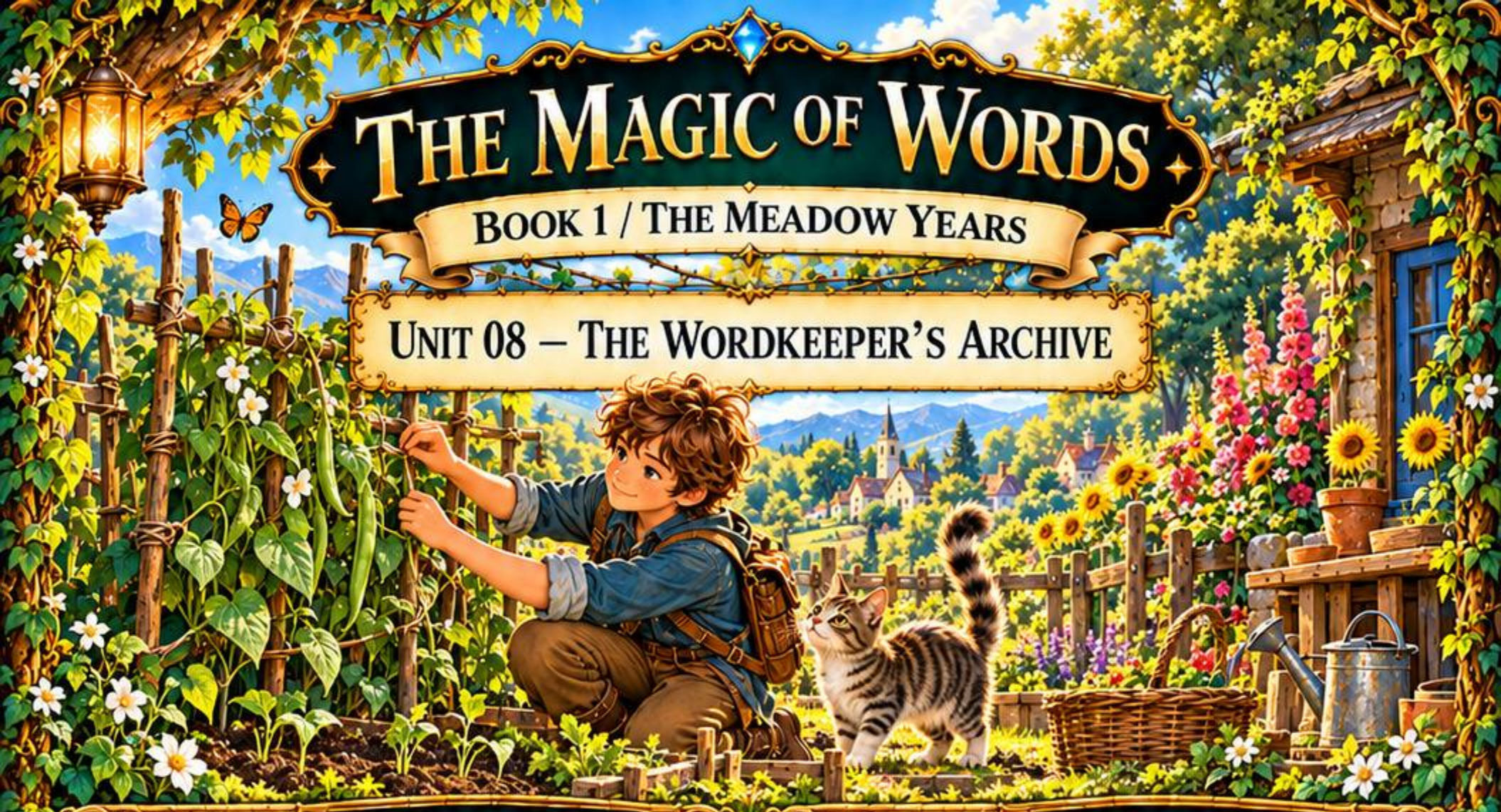

Dense



Say it: DENS

Meaning: Closely packed together; difficult to see or move through.

Example: The dense leaves kept sunlight from reaching the small plants.

Entangle



Say it: en-TANG-gul

Meaning: To twist or catch something in a tangled mass.

Example: Long vines can entangle a loose string on the garden fence.

Resilient



Say it: rih-ZIL-yunt

Meaning: Able to recover after difficulty or damage.

Example: The resilient bean plant recovered after the heavy rain.

Flourish



Say it: FLUR-ish

Meaning: To grow or develop well.

Example: The flowers began to flourish when they received enough sunlight.

Shelter

Say it: SHEL-tur

Meaning: A place that gives protection from danger or weather.

Example: A wooden shelter kept their tools dry during the storm.



ROWAN'S JOURNEY

UNIT 09 — THE VILLAGE FAIR

THE VILLAGE FAIR

The village fair brought music, bright stalls, and visitors from nearby farms. Rowan tried on a mask that made his friends laugh. Later, he heard a story about a prize hidden beneath the stage. He nearly repeated it before asking the organizer whether it was true. It was not. Rowan felt embarrassed, but the organizer thanked him for checking. He spent the rest of the afternoon watching how easily a story could change as people passed it along.

THINK

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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Level 1: Guess the Word

A mask changes how I look so friends do not recognize me. What noun names this change of appearance?

Hint: 8 letters / starts with D

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

Someone shares a story about a prize, but no one has checked it. What noun means an unverified story people repeat?

Instruction: Find all 5 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

I watch the fair closely to notice what happens.
Which verb means to watch carefully?

Hint: 7 letters / starts with O

2

The story keeps changing, so I think it may not be honest.
Which adjective means doubtful about someone's truthfulness?

Hint: 10 letters / starts with S

GRAND PRIZE BENEATH THE STAGE!

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5



LEVEL 4: THE FINAL TRIAL

1

The organizer makes the hidden plan known to everyone.
Which verb means to make a secret known?

HINT: 6 LETTERS / STARTS WITH R

2

COMPLETE EACH SENTENCE

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. Mira stopped to _____ the careful work of the basket maker.
2. Rowan wore a playful _____ at the village fair.
3. Rowan grew _____ when the prize story changed again.
4. Rowan checked the _____ before sharing it with his friends.

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Disguise



Say it: dis-GYZ

Meaning: Clothes or changes that hide who someone is.

Example: Rowan wore a playful disguise at the village fair.

Rumor



Say it: ROO-mur

Meaning: A story people share that may not be true.

Example: Rowan checked the rumor before sharing it with his friends.

Observe



Say it: ub-ZURV

Meaning: To watch something carefully.

Example: Mira stopped to observe the careful work of the basket maker.

Suspicious



Say it: suh-SPISH-us

Meaning: Feeling that something may be wrong or dishonest.

Example: Rowan grew suspicious when the prize story changed again.

Reveal

Say it: rih-VEEL

Meaning: To make something hidden or secret known.

Example: The organizer agreed to reveal the plan for the afternoon games.



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Rowan's Journey

Unit 10 — Winter in the Valley



Winter in the Valley

That winter, frost covered the meadow fence each morning, Rowan helped his father carry food to a warm shed, where it would stay dry and safe. The garden looked empty, yet his mother explained that roots and seeds were resting below the ground. During a cold spell, they checked on neighbors who lived alone. When warmer days returned, water began to drip from the roof. Rowan learned that getting through winter was a task the whole village shared.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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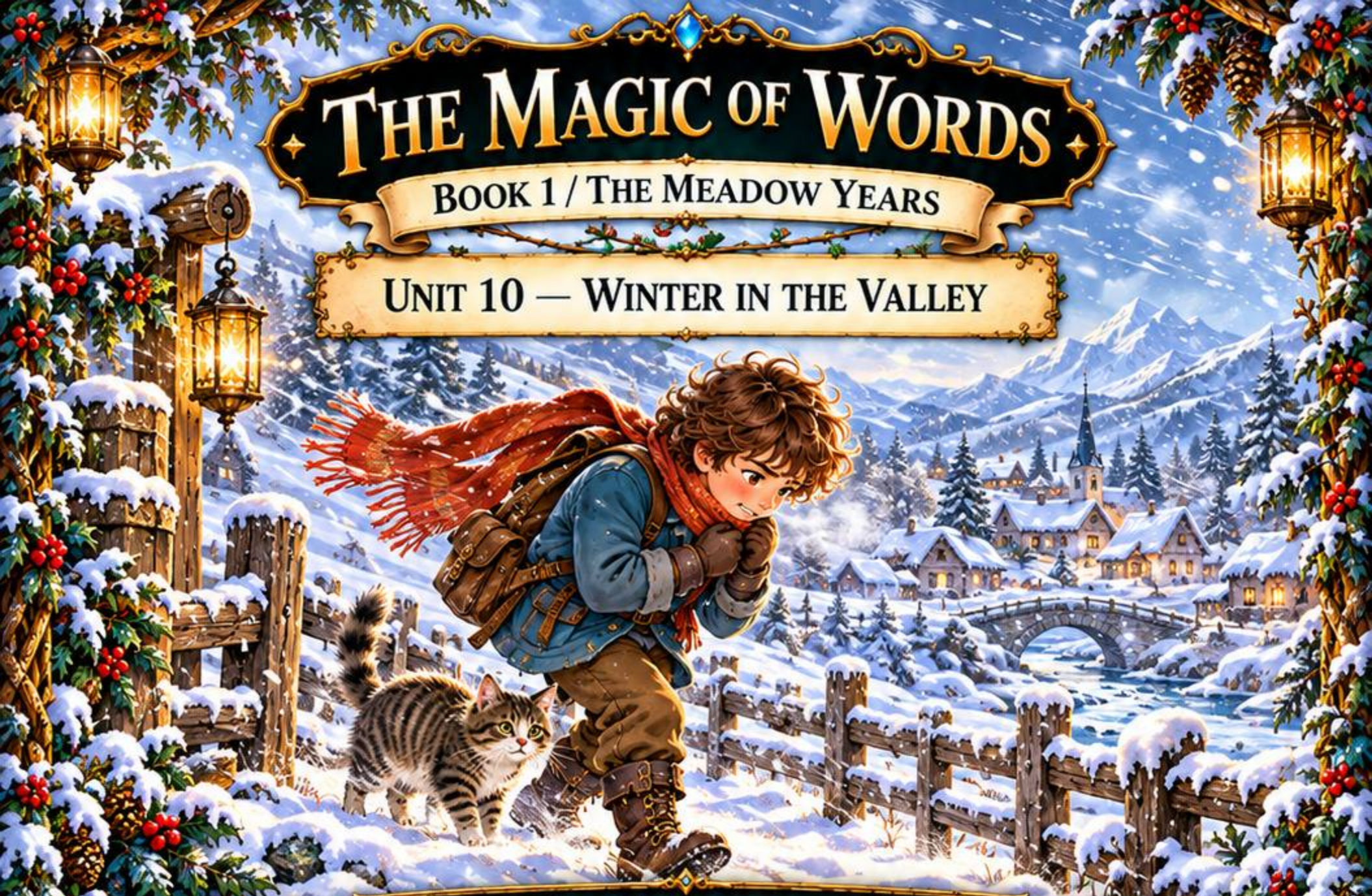

Level 1: Guess the Word

The wimter wind is painfully cold.
Which adjective can describe both a sharp unpleasant taste and severe cold?

Hint: 6 Letters / Starts with B

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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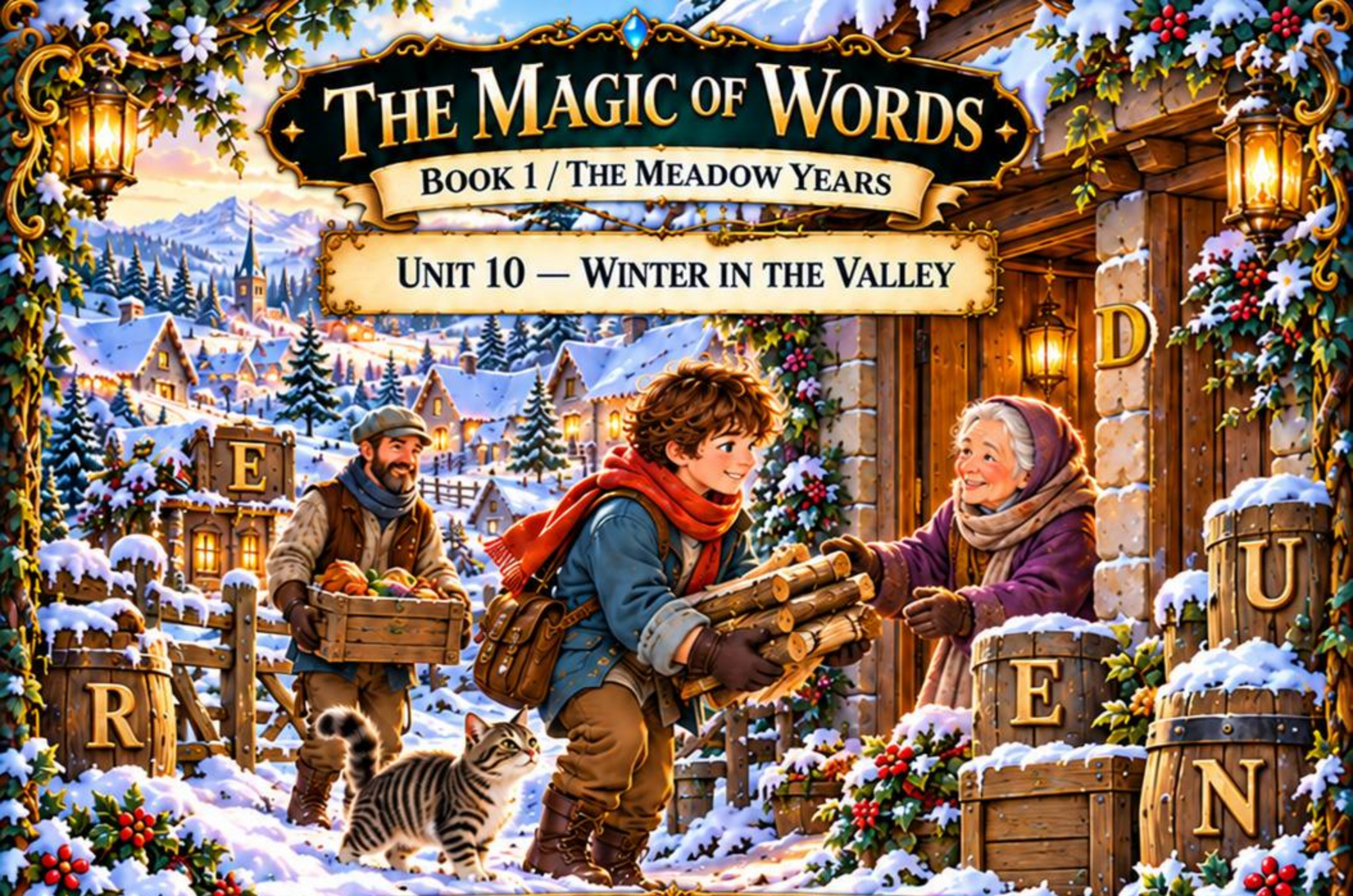

Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

We keep going through a long, difficult winter.
Which verb means to bear something difficult
without giving up?

Instruction: Find all 6 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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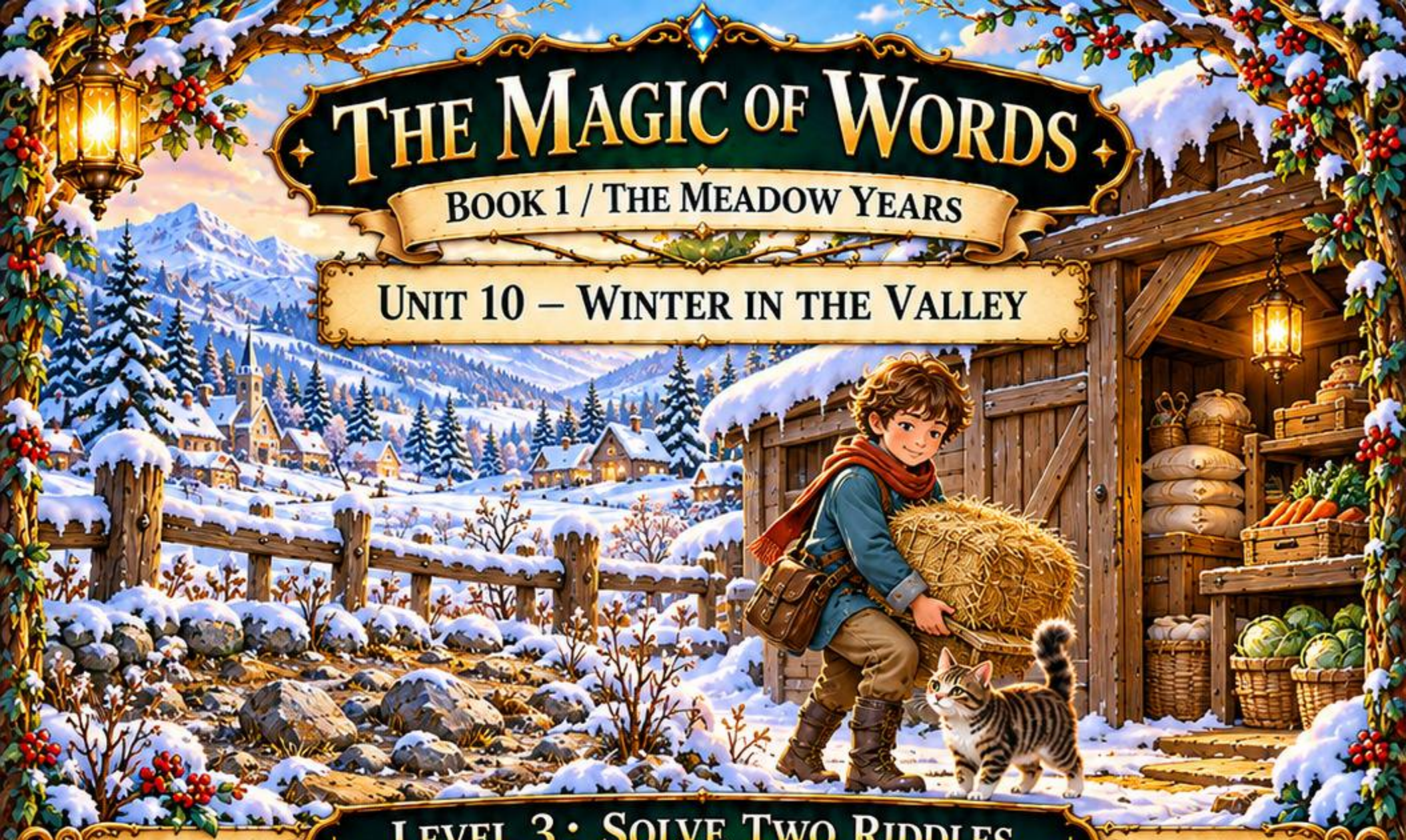

Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

Almost no plants grow on this rocky patch of land.
Which adjective means having little or no plant life?

Hint: 6 letters / Starts with B

2



We protect the stored food so it stays in good condition.
Which verb means to keep something safe from damage?

Hint: 8 letters / Starts with P

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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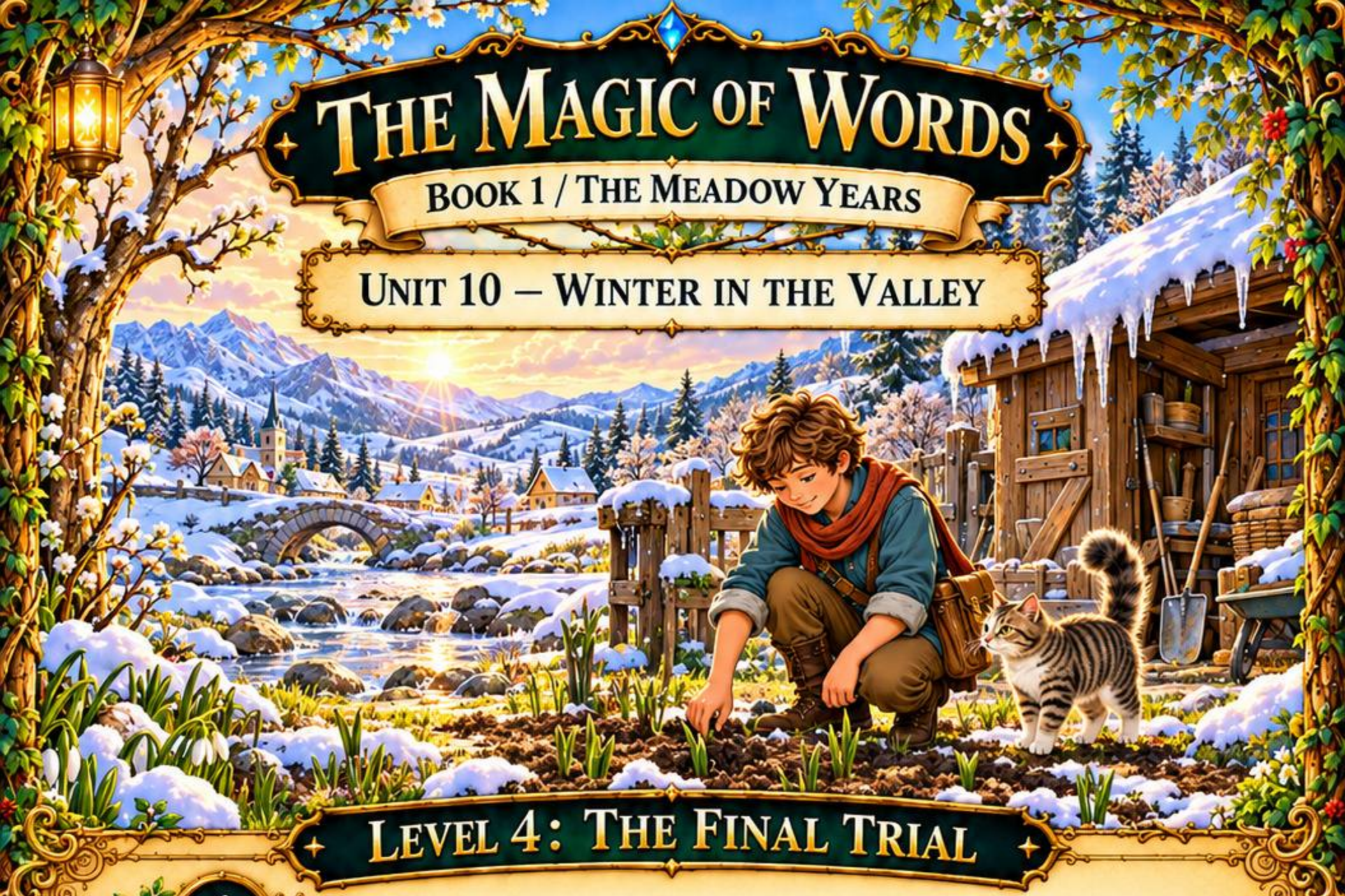

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

The frozen ground becomes soft as the weather warms.
Which verb means to become unfrozen?

Hint: 4 Letters / Starts with T

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2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. The rocky, _____ patch had almost no grass or flowers.
2. A _____ wind swept across the snowy meadow.
3. A dry shed helped _____ the food stored for winter.
4. The neighbors helped one another _____ the long winter.

1 2 3 4 5

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Bitter

Say it: BIT-ur

Meaning: Extremely cold, when describing wind or weather.

Example: A bitter wind swept across the snowy meadow.



Endure

Say it: en-DOOR

Meaning: To keep going through something difficult or painful.

Example: The neighbors helped one another endure the long winter.



Barren

Say it: BAIR-un

Meaning: Having few or no plants.

Example: The rocky, barren patch had almost no grass or flowers.



Preserve

Say it: prih-ZURV

Meaning: To protect something and keep it in good condition.

Example: A dry shed helped preserve the food stored for winter.

Thaw

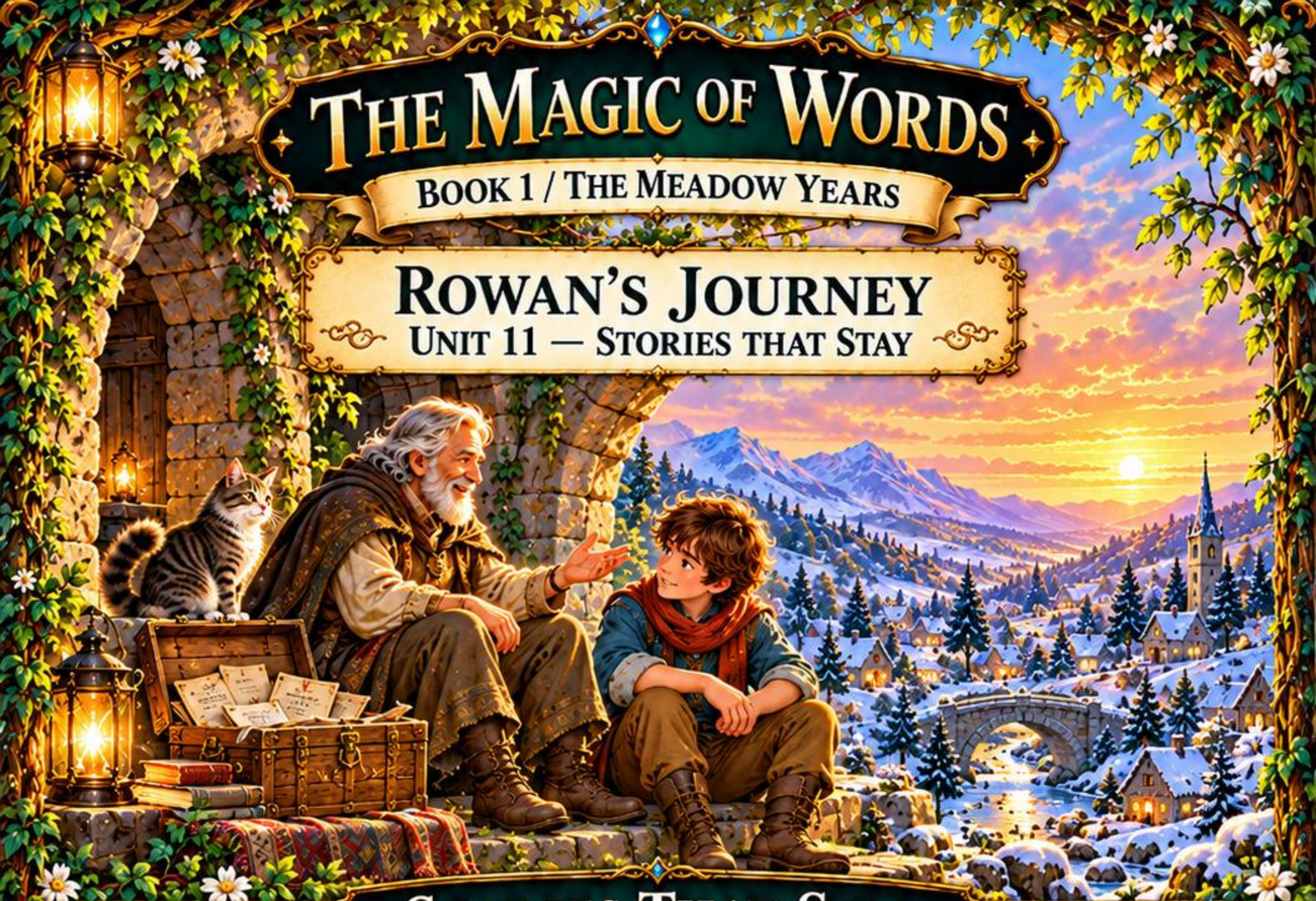
Say it: THAW

Meaning: To become unfrozen or melt after freezing.

Example: The frozen garden began to thaw in the warm sunshine.



ROWAN'S JOURNEY
UNIT 11 — STORIES THAT STAY



STORIES THAT STAY

At thirteen, Rowan loved his grandfather's stories about the valley. One evening, they walked to the stone arch where a shout could return to them. His grandfather explained how sound bounced from the wall. Then he showed Rowan a wooden box filled with family letters. Some memories faded quickly, but a few stories returned again and again. Rowan wondered what people would remember about him. His grandfather said that small acts of kindness could last longer than anyone expected.

THINK

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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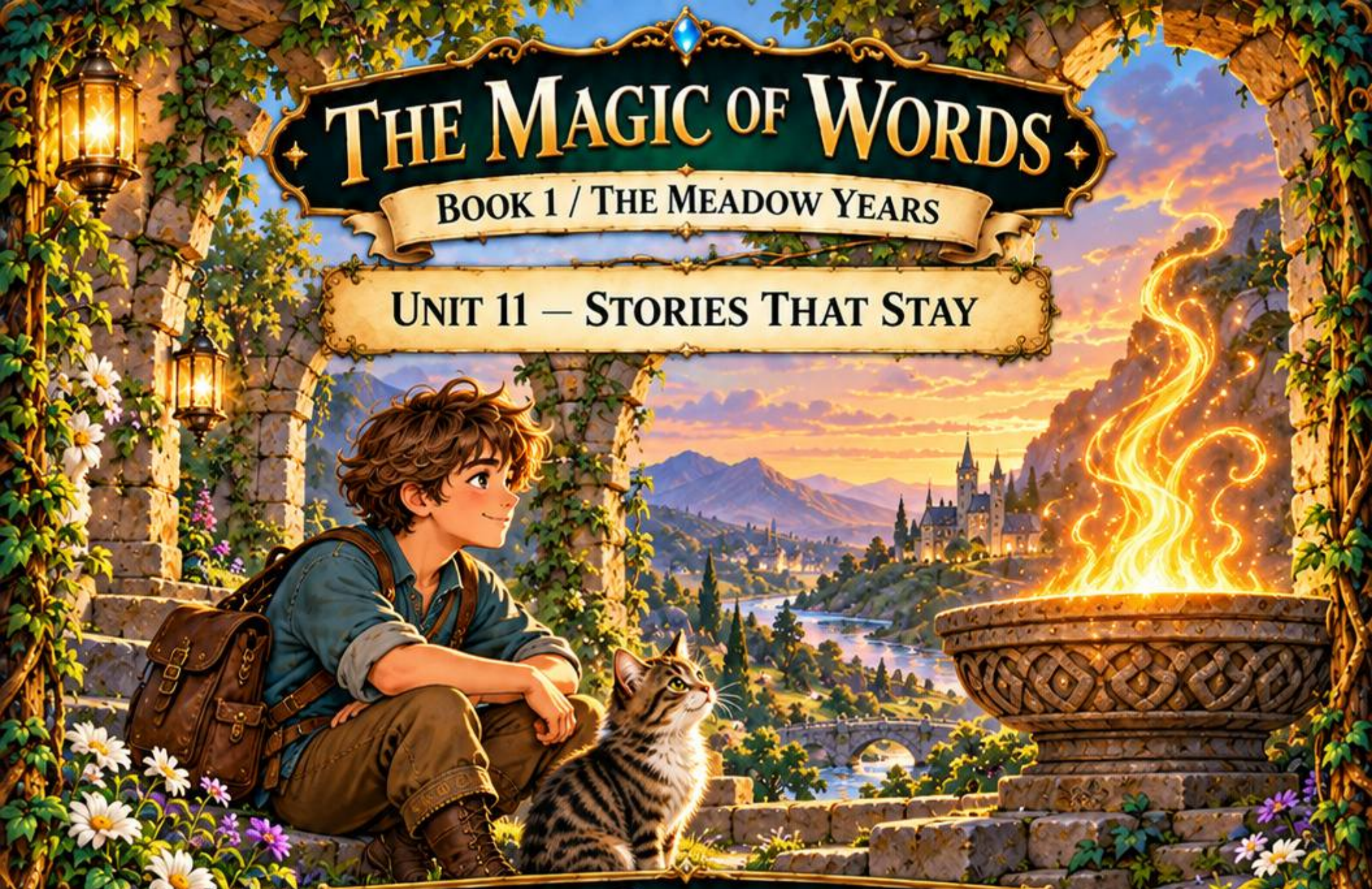

Level 1: Guess the Word

A story imagines a light that lasts forever.
Which adjective means having no end?

Hint: 7 letters / starts with E

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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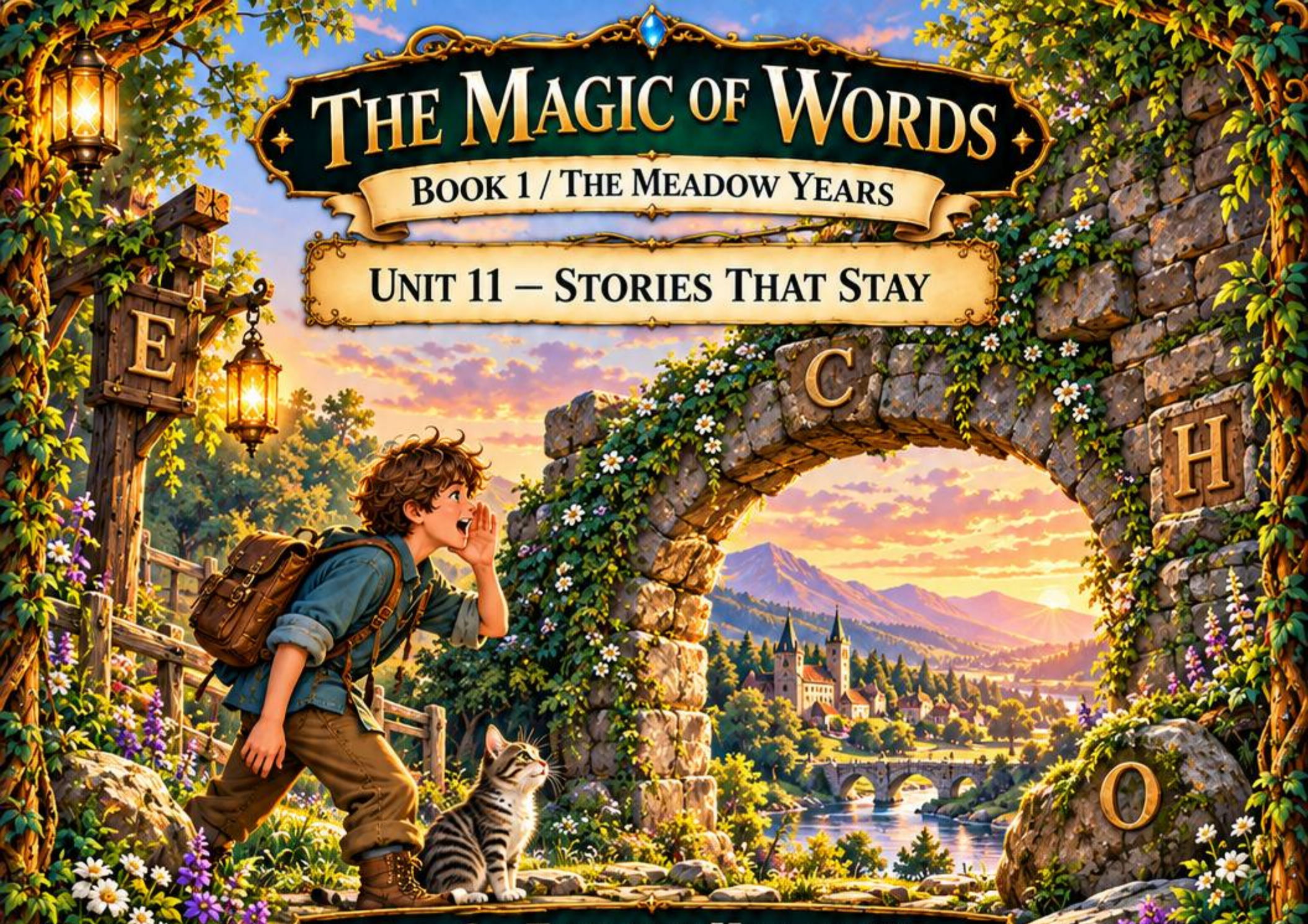

Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

I shout toward a wall and hear my voice return.
What noun names the sound that comes back?

Find all 4 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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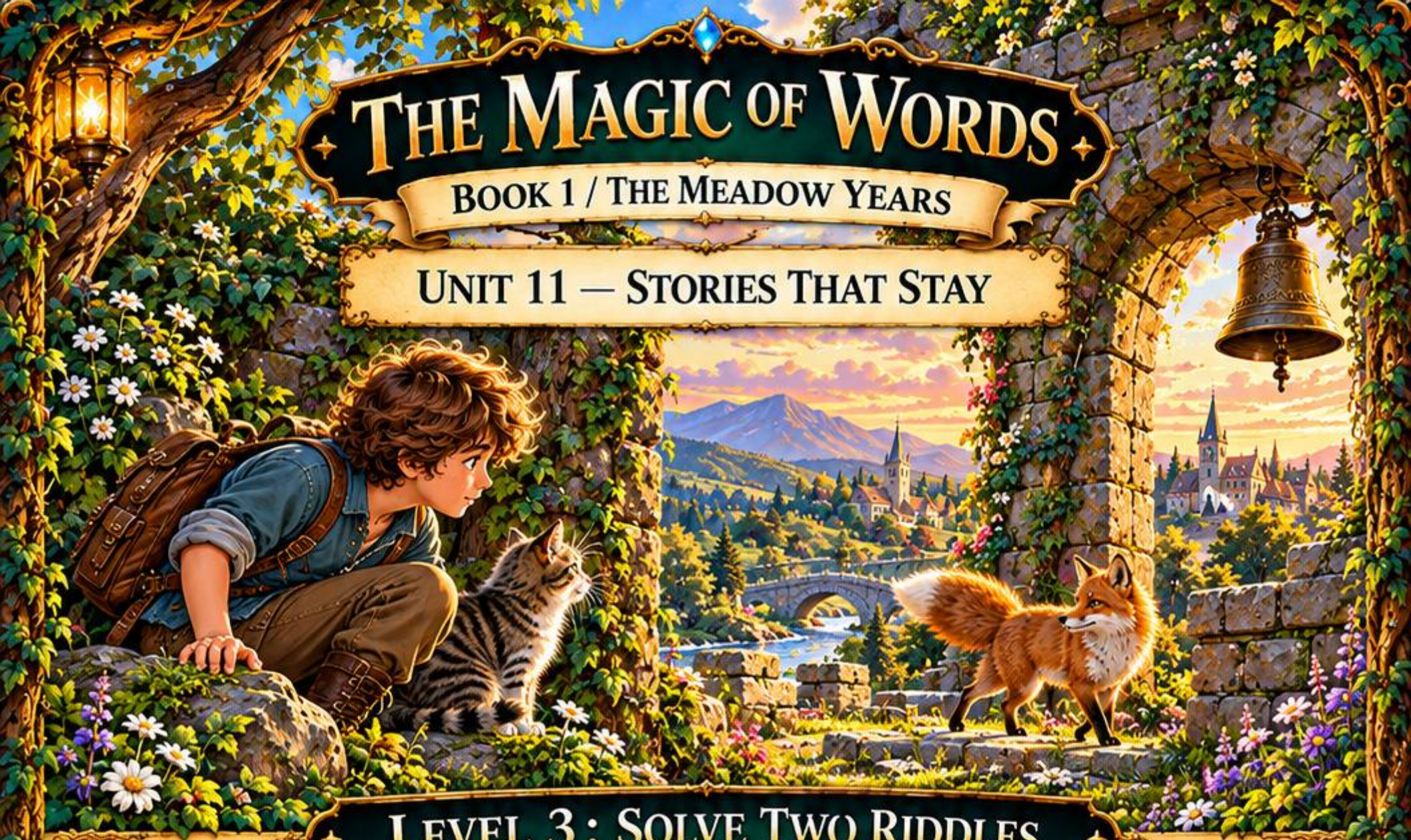

Level 3 : Solve Two Riddles

1

A glimpse lasts only a moment before it is gone.
Which adjective means lasting a very short time?

Hint: 8 letters / starts with F

2

The same dream happens again on several nights.
Which verb means to happen again?

Hint: 5 letters / starts with R

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 4: The Final Trial

1

A teacher leaves kindness and useful lessons for future generations. What noun names what someone leaves behind?

Hint: 6 letters / starts with L

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. Rowan caught a _____ glimpse of a fox near the wall.
2. The old story described an _____ flame that never went out.
3. The same happy memory would _____ whenever the old bell rang.
4. An _____ of Rowan's voice returned from the stone arch.

1 2 3 4 5

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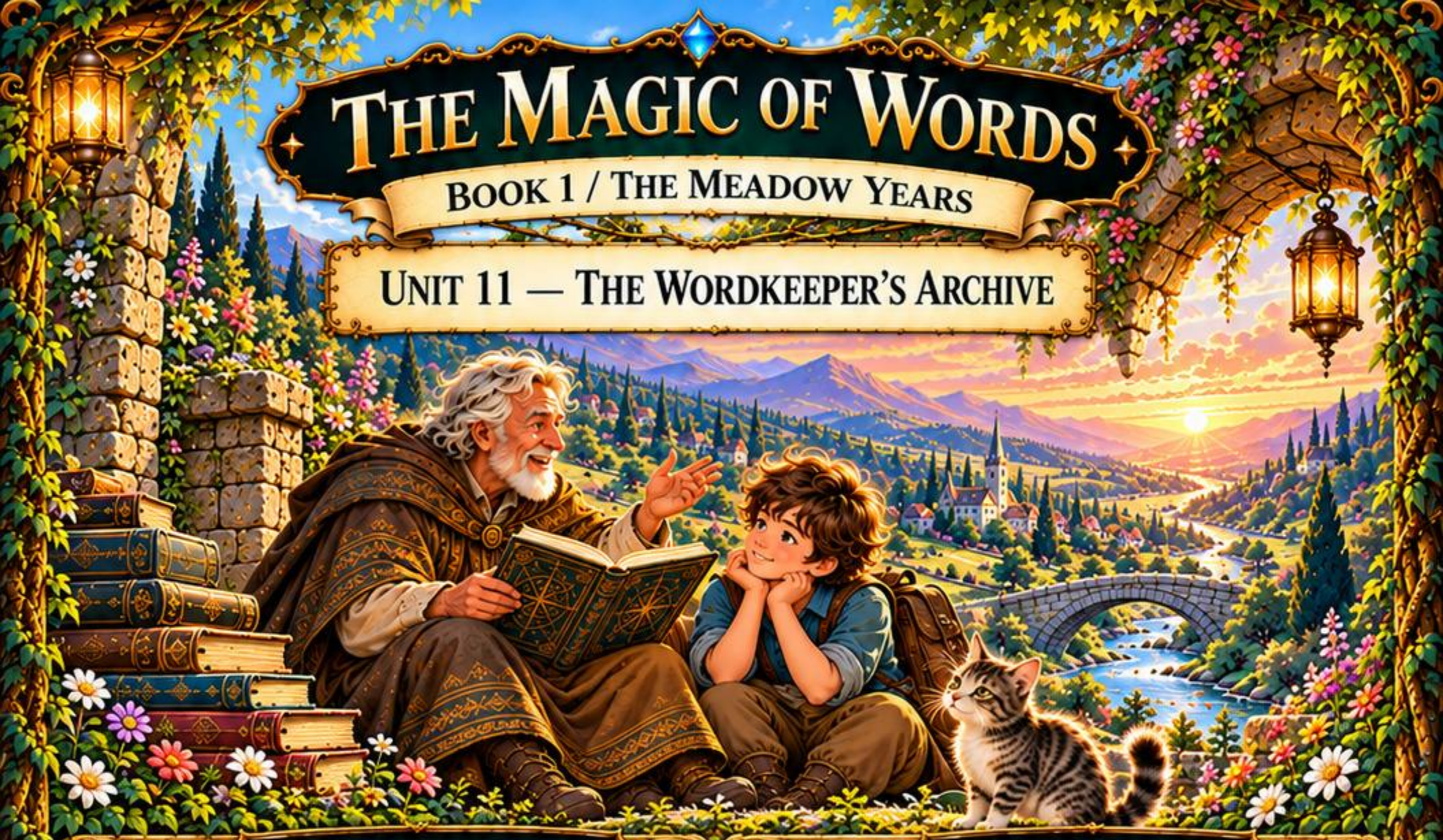
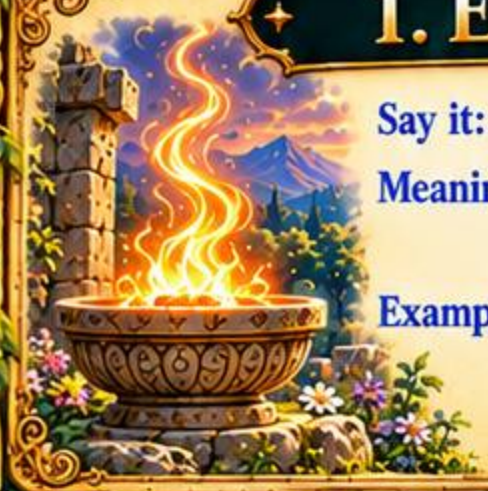


1. Eternal

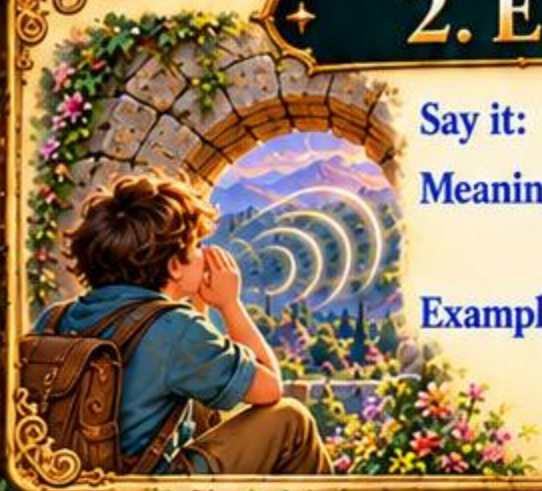


Say it: ih-TUR-nul

Meaning: Lasting forever; without an end.

Example: The old story described an **eternal** flame that never went out.

2. Echo



Say it: EK-oh

Meaning: A sound heard again after it bounces off a surface.

Example: An **echo** of Rowan's voice returned from the stone arch.

3. Fleeting



Say it: FLEE-ting

Meaning: Lasting for a very short time.

Example: Rowan caught a fleeting glimpse of a fox near the wall.

4. Recur



Say it: rih-KUR

Meaning: To happen again.

Example: The same happy memory would **recur** whenever the old bell rang.

5. Legacy

Say it: LEG-uh-see

Meaning: Something left behind for future generations.

Example: His grandfather's kindness became a legacy for the whole family.



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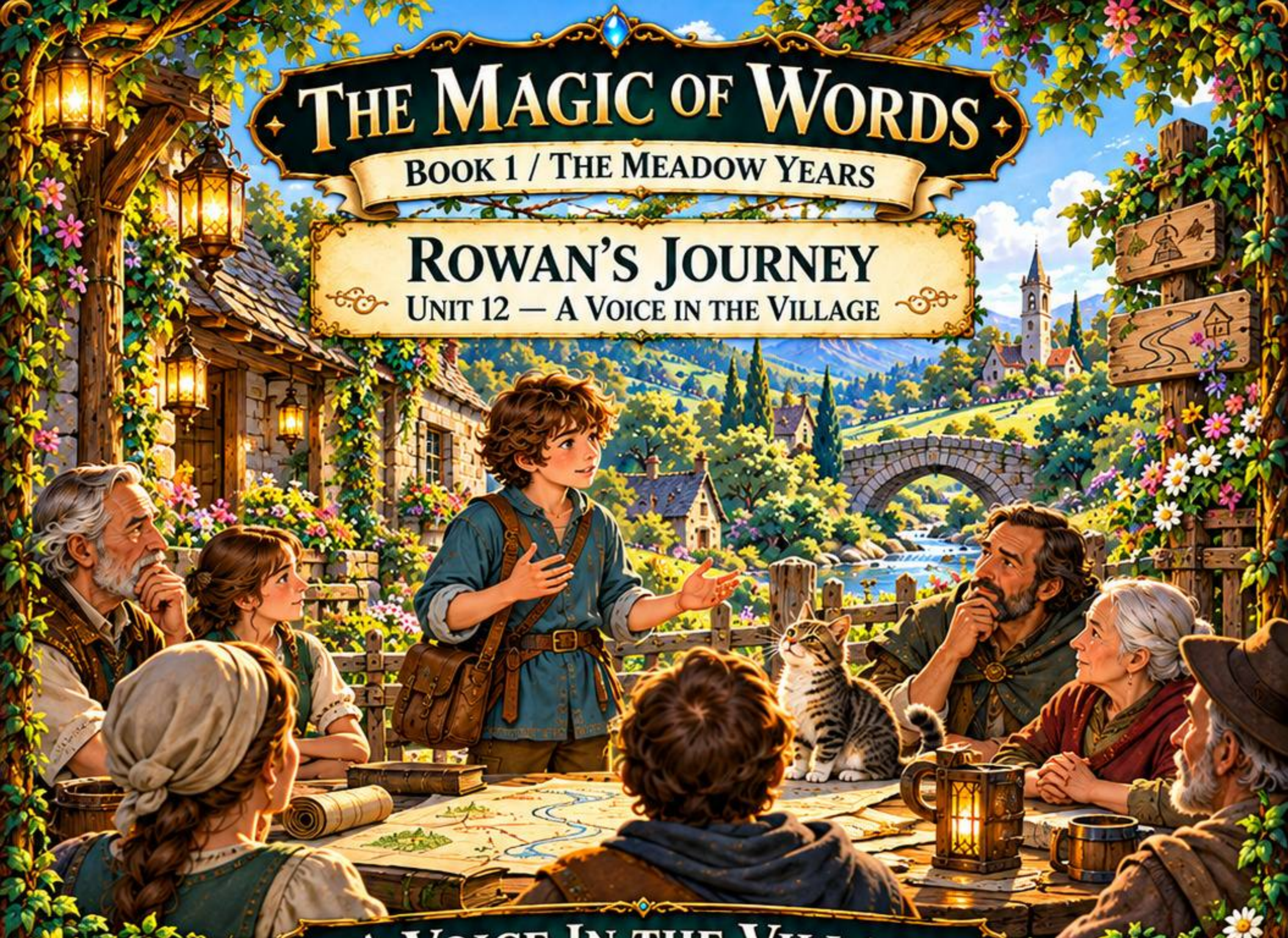
Rowan's Journey

Unit 12 — A Voice in the Village



A Voice In the Village

When the village planned a new footpath, Rowan was invited to listen at a meeting. A short route would cross an older neighbor's garden. A longer route would take more work but leave the garden safe. Rowan spoke quietly in favor of the longer path. He was nervous about disagreeing with adults, yet they listened to his reasons. The meeting taught him that good decisions needed more than a loud voice. They needed care for the people who would live with them.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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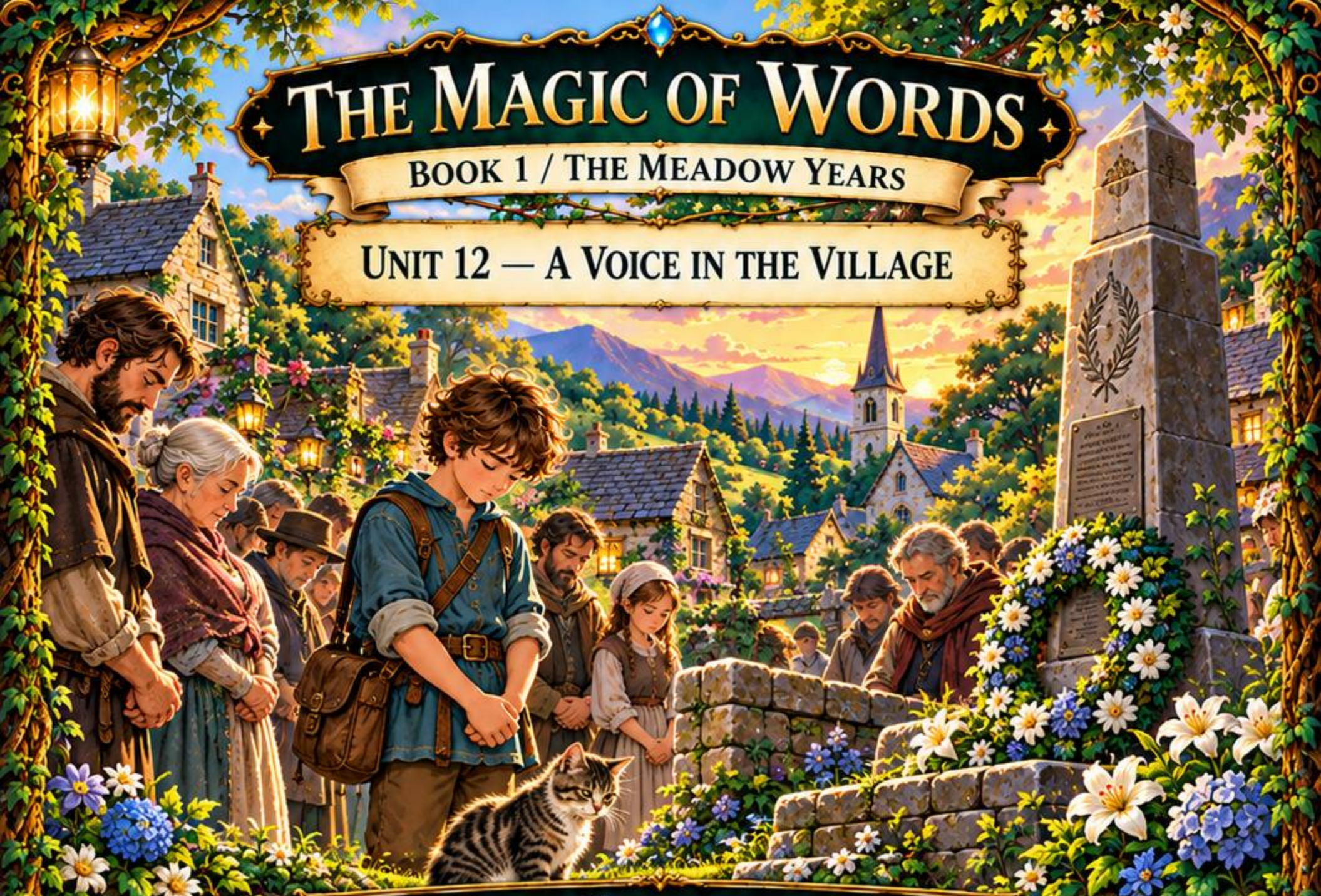

Level 1: Guess the Word

Everyone is serious and respectful during a remembrance.
Which adjective describes this mood?

Hint: 6 letters / starts with S

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1 2 3 4 5

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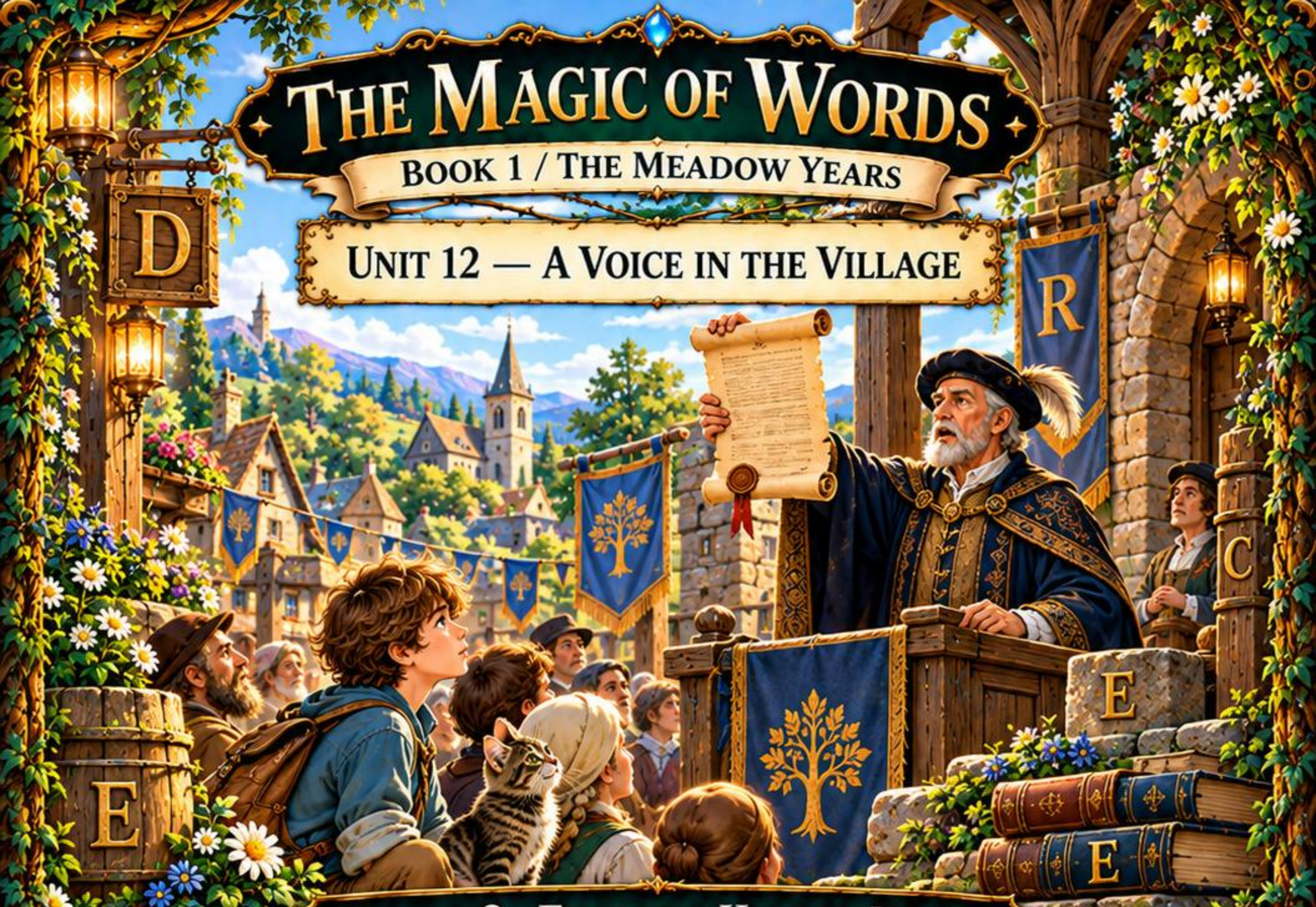

Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

A ruler announces an official order.
What noun names this kind of order?

Instruction: Find all 6 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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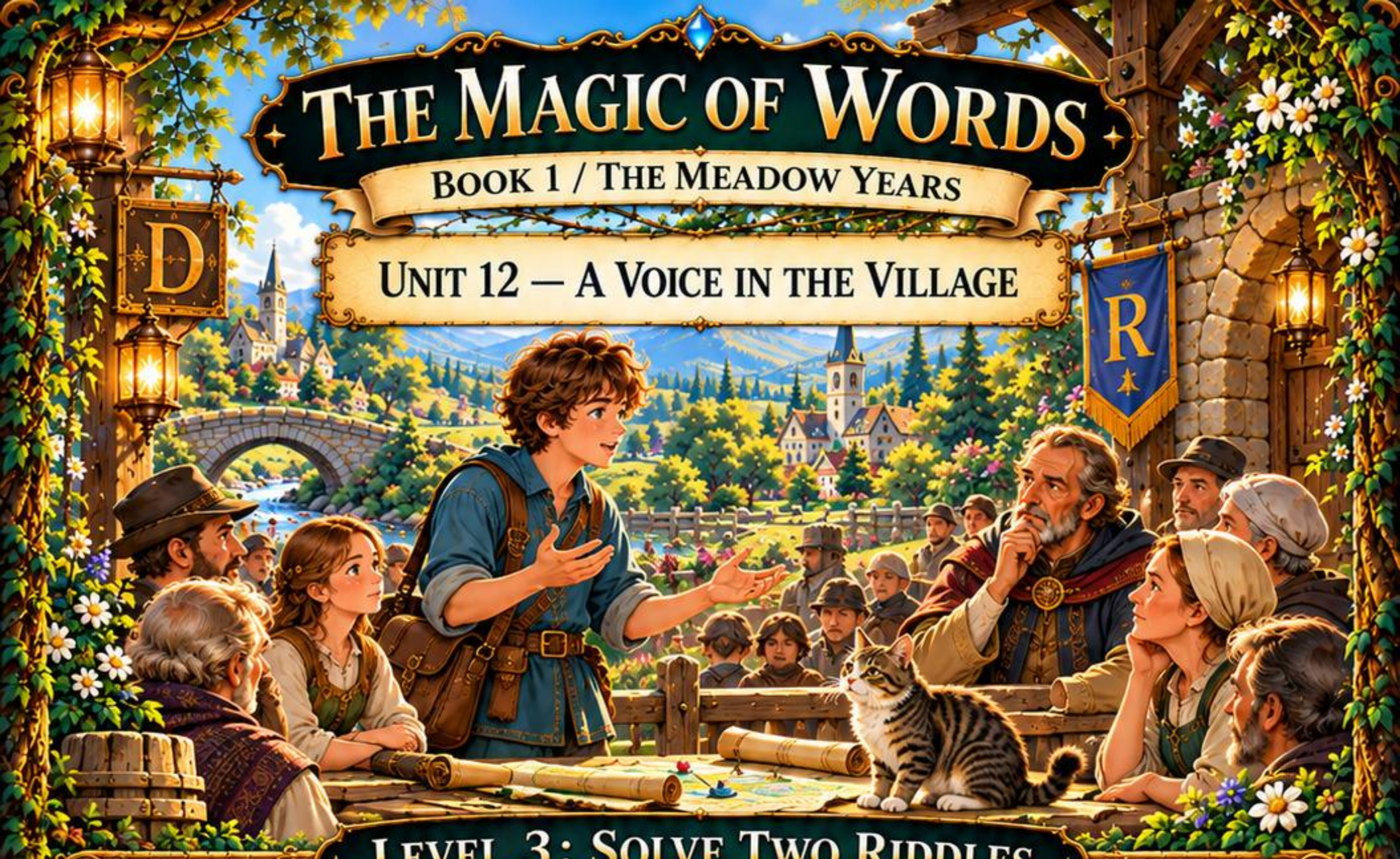

Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

A friend stays faithful and supportive when things are difficult.
Which adjective describes that friend?

Hint: 5 Letters / Starts with L

2

The council has the right to make decisions for the village.
What noun names this right or power?

Hint: 9 Letters / Starts with A

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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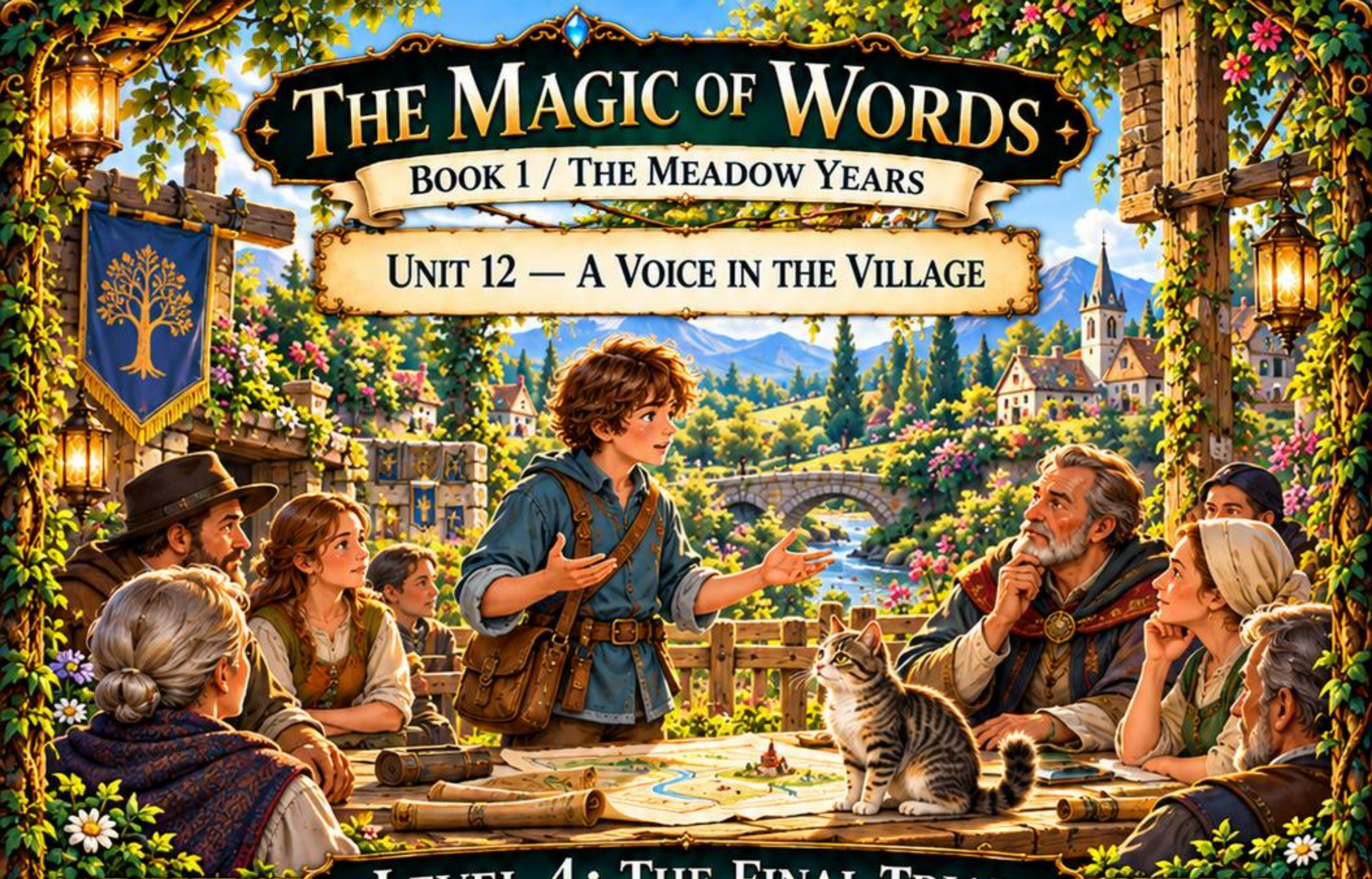

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

Everyone receives fair treatment when a disagreement is settled. What noun names this fairness?

Hint: 7 letters / starts with J

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. Mira remained a _____ friend throughout their school years.
2. The villagers stood in _____ silence during the remembrance.
3. The council had the _____ to approve the new footpath.
4. The history book described a _____ issued by an earlier ruler.

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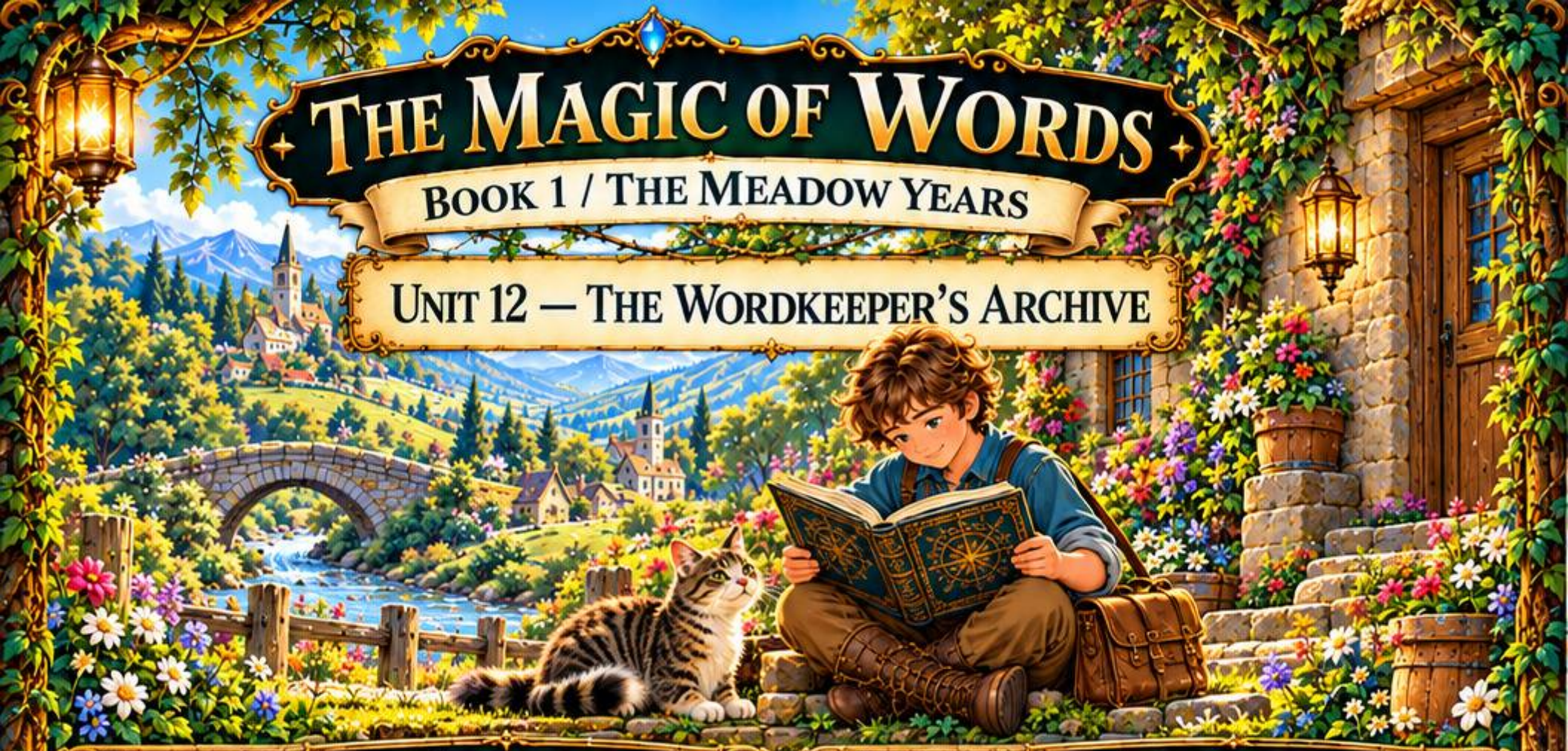

Solemn



Say it: SOL-um

Meaning: Serious and respectful.

Example: The villagers stood in solemn silence during the remembrance.

Decree



Say it: dih-KREE

Meaning: An official order from a ruler or authority.

Example: The history book described a decree issued by an earlier ruler.

Loyal



Say it: LOY-ul

Meaning: Faithful and supportive to someone or something.

Example: Mira remained a loyal friend throughout their school years.

Authority



Say it: uh-THOR-ih-tee

Meaning: The power or right to give orders and make decisions.

Example: The council had the authority to approve the new footpath.

Justice

Say it: JUS-tis

Meaning: Fair treatment according to what is right.

Example: Rowan wanted justice for every neighbor affected by the decision.



ROWAN'S JOURNEY

UNIT 13 — THE MIRROR GARDEN



THE MIRROR GARDEN

At fifteen, Rowan helped arrange a flower show with a row of curved mirrors. Some mirrors made visitors look taller; others made a straight path seem bent. A child reached toward a flower that was only a reflection. Rowan gently explained the trick and showed her the real plant. Later, he examined a coin that someone claimed was very old. Looking closely was useful, but so was asking where an object came from and why a claim should be believed.

THINK

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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Level 1: Guess the Word

A mirror makes us see a flower where there is no real flower.
What noun names an appearance that is misleading?

Hint: 8 letters / starts with I

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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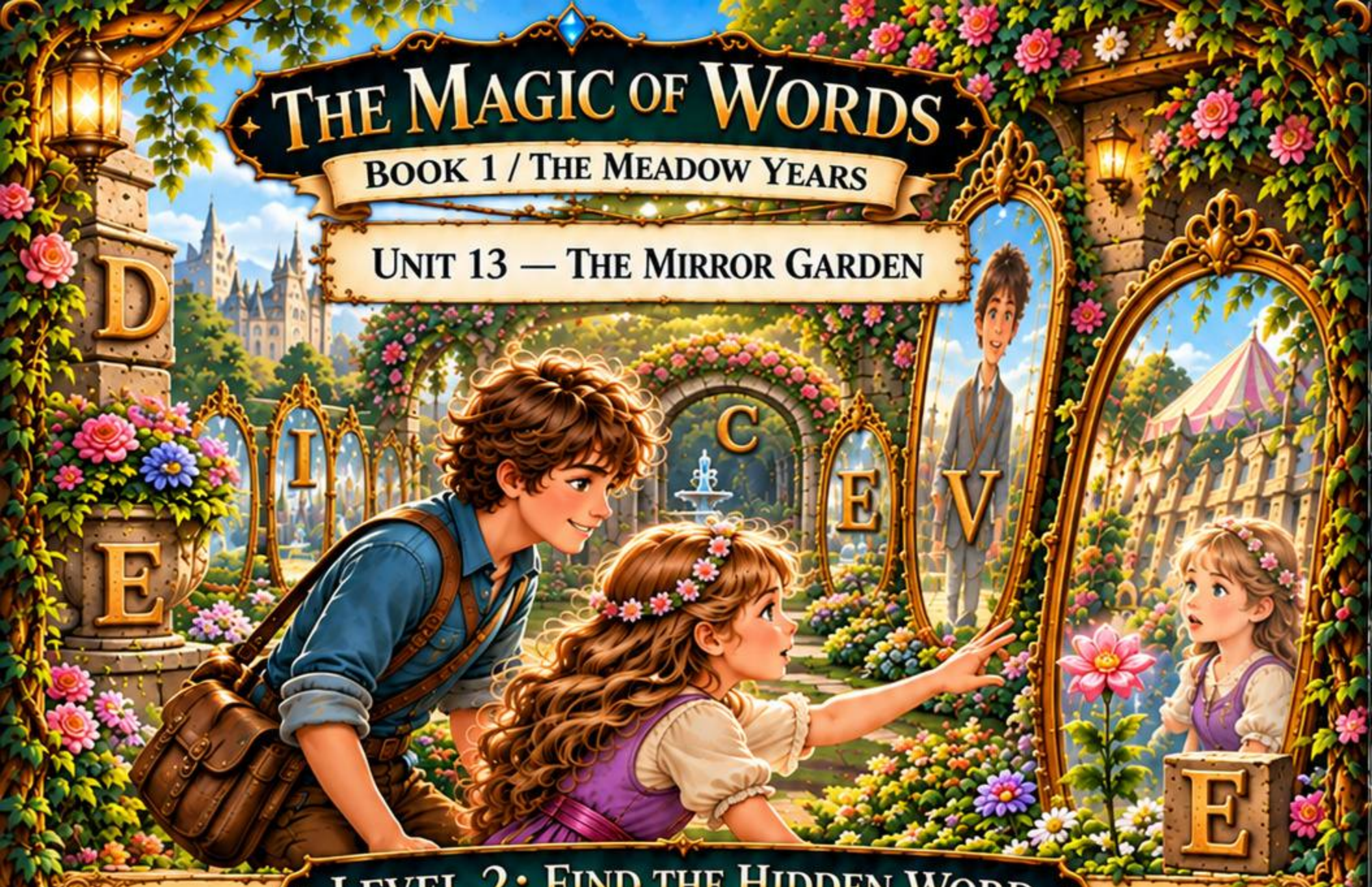

LEVEL 2: FIND THE HIDDEN WORD

A trick makes someone believe something false.
Which verb means to mislead someone this way?

Find all 7 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

YOUR TURN

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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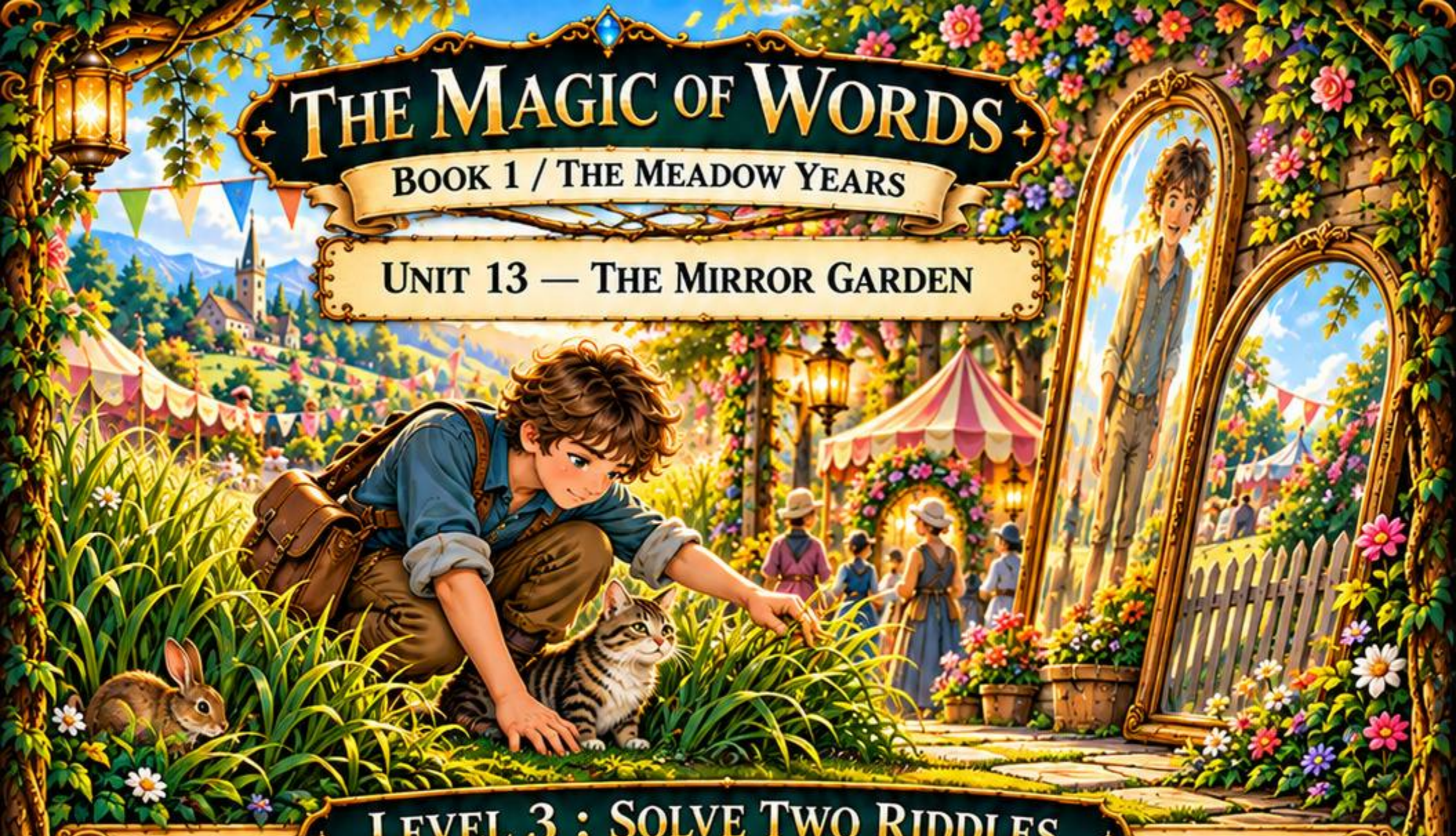

Level 3 : Solve Two Riddles

1

In the evening light, I notice a small movement using my senses.
Which verb means to become aware through the senses?

Hint: 8 Letters / Starts with P

2



A curved mirror changes the shape of my reflection.
Which verb means to twist something out of its true shape?

Hint: 7 Letters / Starts with D

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 4: The Final Trial

1

The coin is the real old object, rather than a modern copy.
Which adjective means genuine?

Hint: 9 Letters / Starts with A

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. Rowan could _____ a tiny movement in the tall grass.
2. The reflected flower was an _____ created by the mirror.
3. The curved mirror could _____ even the straight garden fence.
4. A false label could _____ someone buying an old coin.

1 2 3 4 5

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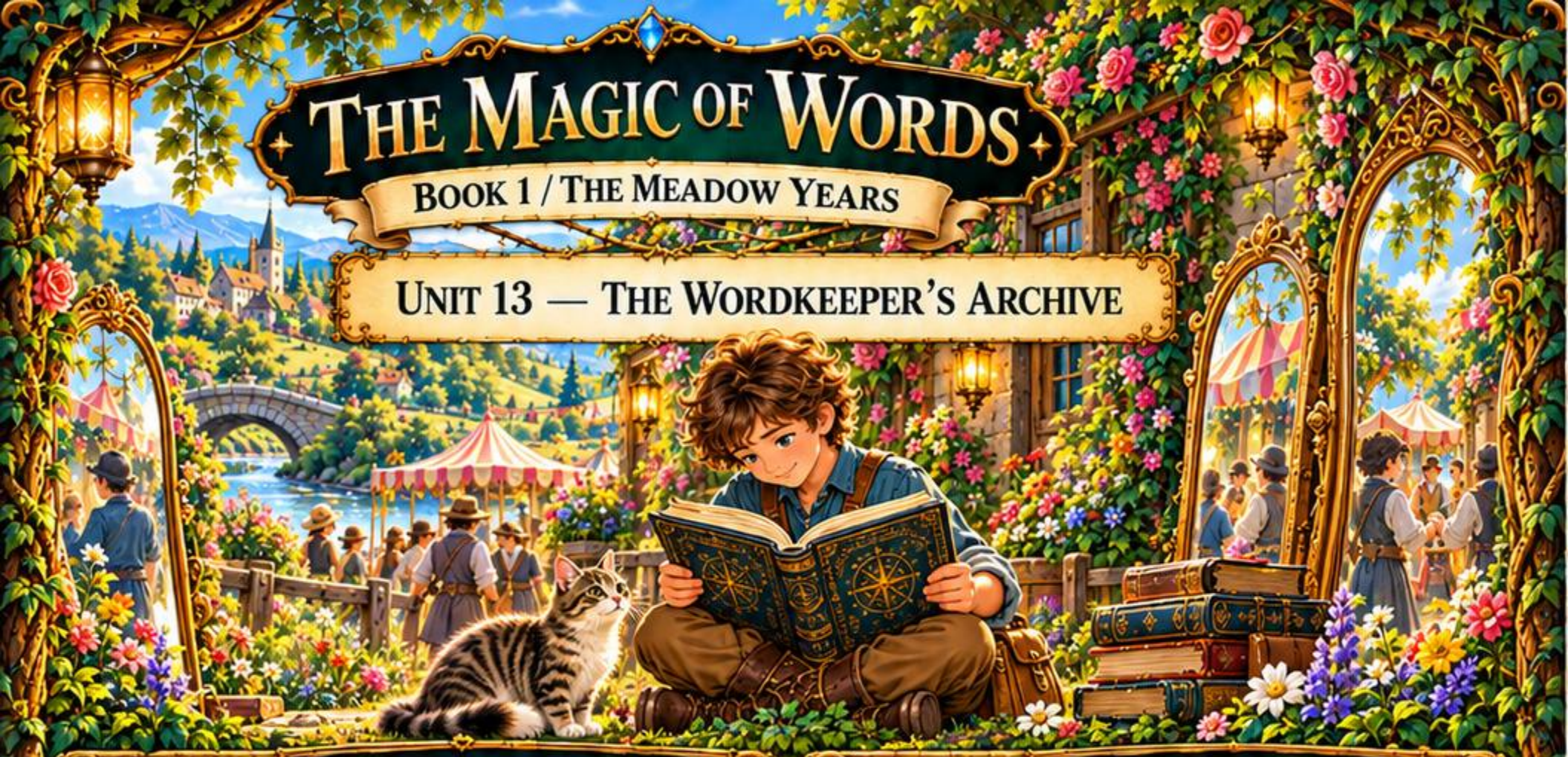

ILLUSION



Say it: ih-LOO-zhun

Meaning: Something that seems real but is not.

Example: The reflected flower was an illusion created by the mirror.

DECEIVE



Say it: dih-SEEV

Meaning: To make someone believe something that is not true.

Example: A false label could deceive someone buying an old coin.

PERCEIVE



Say it: pur-SEEV

Meaning: To notice or become aware of something through the senses.

Example: Rowan could perceive a tiny movement in the tall grass.

DISTORT



Say it: dis-TORT

Meaning: To change the shape or appearance of something.

Example: The curved mirror could distort even the straight garden fence.

AUTHENTIC

Say it: aw-THEN-tik

Meaning: Real and genuine; not a copy or imitation.

Example: The collector showed Rowan an authentic coin from the old mill.



BEYOND THE FAMILIAR HILLS

By sixteen, Rowan often climbed the hill above his home. From there, he could see a path crossing the valley and disappearing beyond the distant farms. He loved the familiar fields, but he wondered what lay farther away. His father helped him plan a longer walk and think about changing weather. Rowan was excited and a little unsure. Preparing carefully did not remove every worry, but it helped him feel ready to try something he had never done before.

THINK

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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Level 1: Guess the Word

I go beyond the familiar hills although the route is new to me.
Which verb means to go somewhere despite uncertainty?

Hint: 7 letters / starts with V

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

I do not know which route is best and cannot be sure.
Which adjective means not sure?

Find all 9 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

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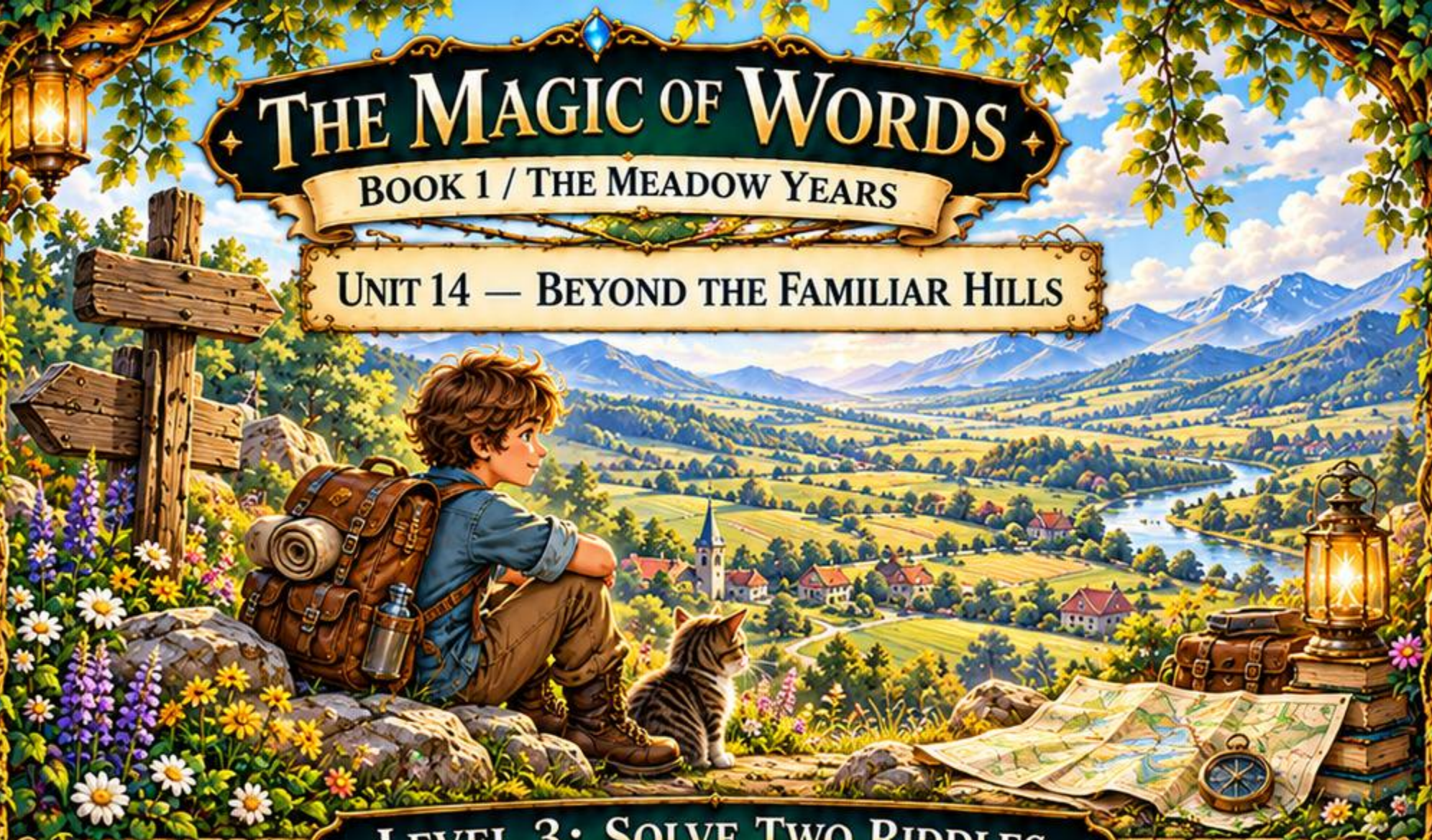

Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1



The view stretches over an extremely large area.
Which adjective means very great in size or extent?

Hint: 4 Letters / Starts with V

2



Before leaving, I expect that the weather may change.
Which verb means to expect something in advance?

Hint: 10 Letters / Starts with A

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Level 4: The Final Trial

1

I feel afraid but still face a difficult task.
What noun names the ability to face fear?

Hint: 7 Letters / Starts with C

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. A _____ stretch of countryside lay beyond the familiar farms.
2. Rowan hoped to _____ beyond the hills when he was ready.
3. They tried to _____ changes in the weather before setting out.
4. He felt _____ about the unfamiliar route across the valley.

1 2 3 4 5

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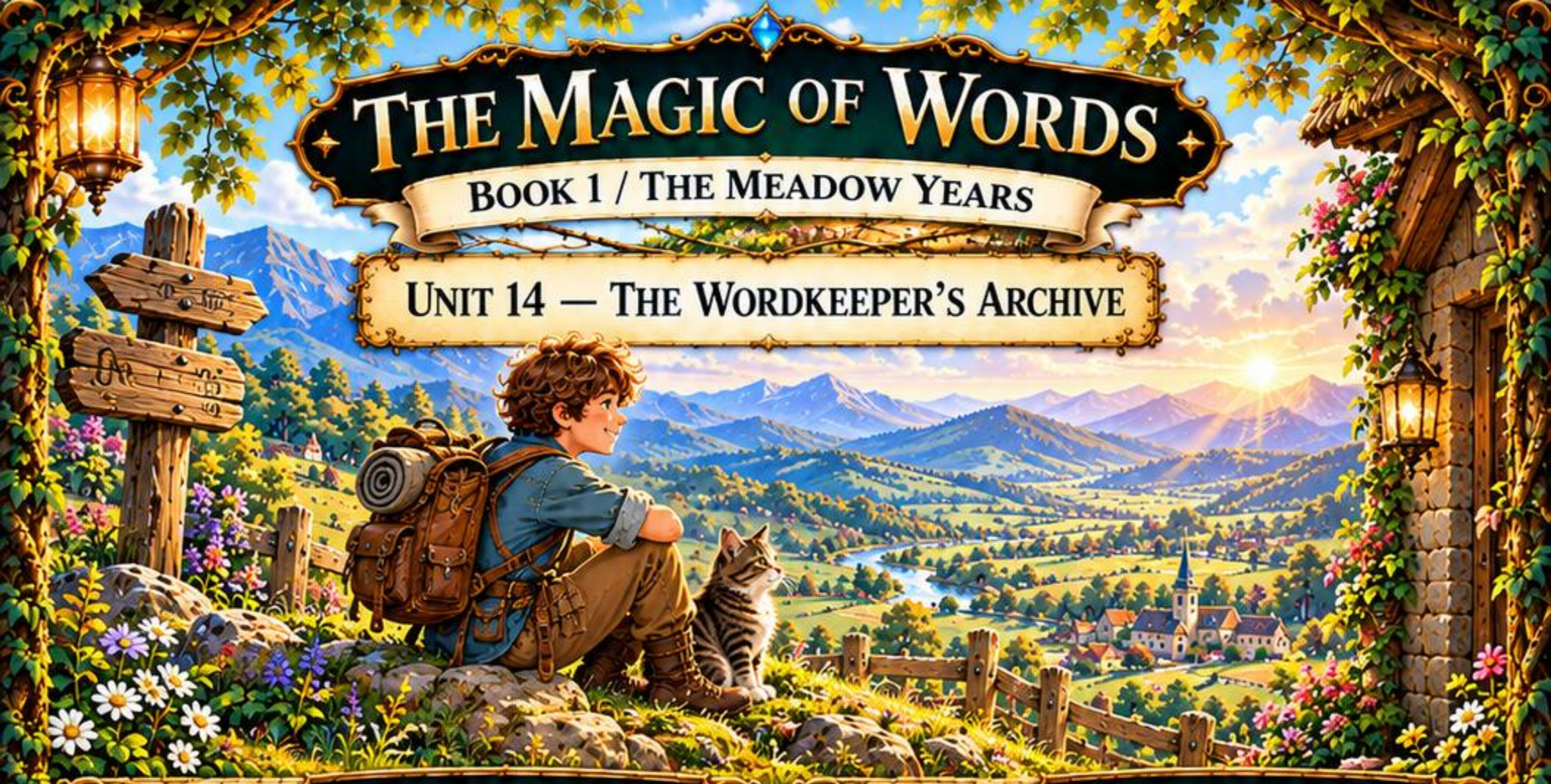


Venture



Say it: VEN-chur

Meaning: To go somewhere despite risk or uncertainty.

Example: Rowan hoped to **venture** beyond the hills when he was ready.

Uncertain



Say it: un-SUR-tun

Meaning: Not sure or not known.

Example: He felt **uncertain** about the unfamiliar route across the valley.

Vast

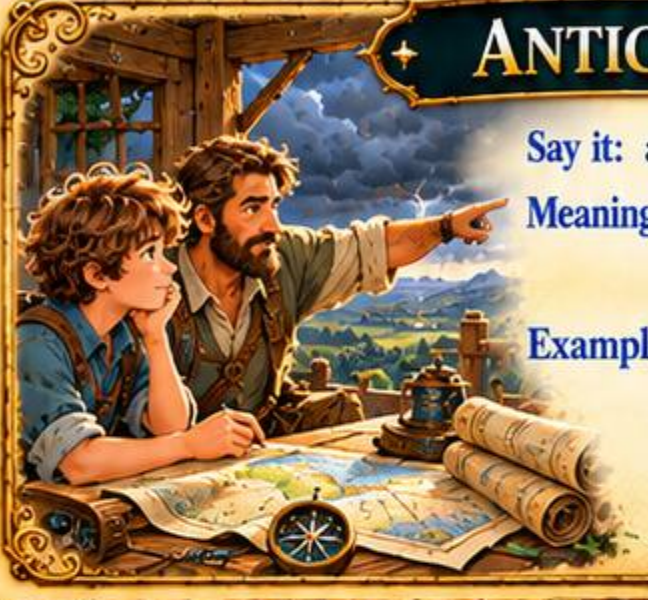


Say it: VAST

Meaning: Very large in area or extent.

Example: A **vast** stretch of countryside lay beyond the familiar farms.

Anticipate



Say it: an-TIS-ih-payt

Meaning: To expect something to happen.

Example: They tried to **anticipate** changes in the weather before setting out.

Courage



Say it: KUR-ij

Meaning: The ability to face fear or difficulty.

Example: It took **courage** for Rowan to speak honestly about his worries.



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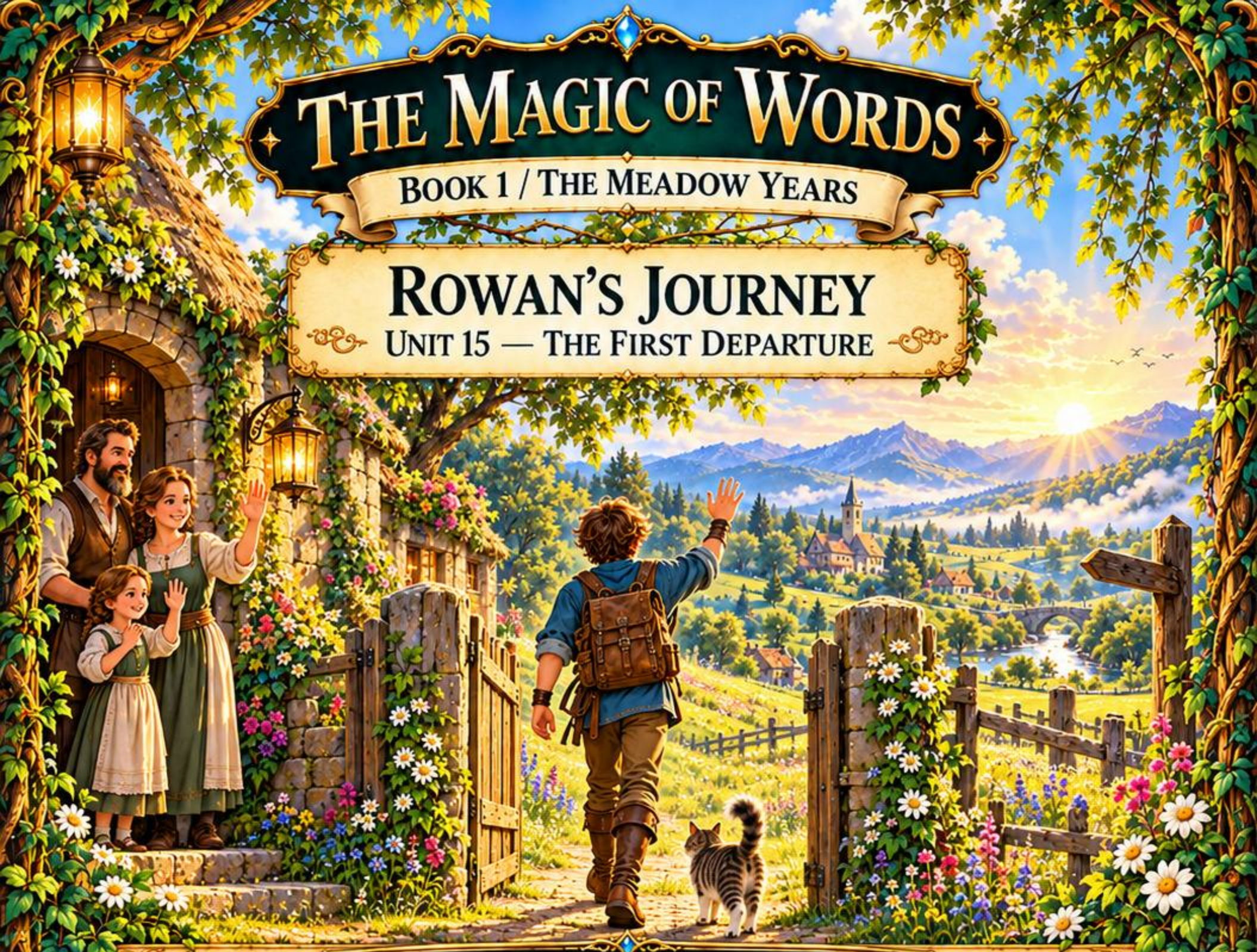
Rowan's Journey

Unit 15 — The First Departure



The First Departure

On his eighteenth birthday, Rowan packed the satchel he had repaired himself. His family walked with him to the village gate. Beyond it, a path led toward hills he had only seen from a distance. He remembered the lessons of the meadow: ask questions, check what you see, care for others, and keep trying. Leaving home was not easy, but he had prepared for this day. As the sun rose, he took his first steps toward the wider world.

Think

What choice does Rowan make, and what does he learn?



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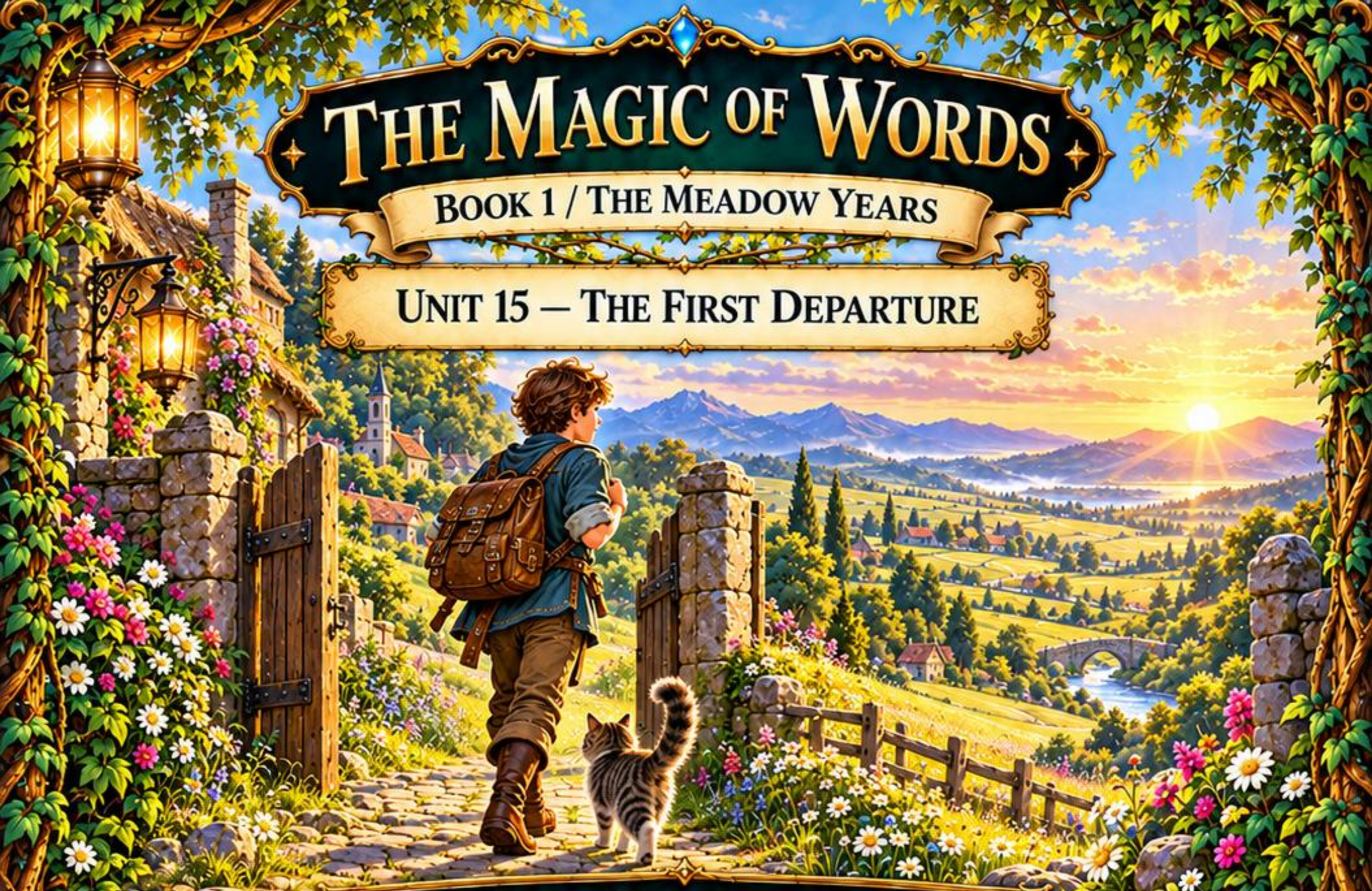

Level 1: Guess the Word

Far away, the sky seems to meet the fields.
What noun names that distant line?

Hint: 7 letters / starts with H

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1 2 3 4 5

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Unit 15 — The First Departure



Level 2: Find the Hidden Word

I keep trying even after several attempts fail.
Which verb means to continue despite difficulty?

Instruction: Find all 9 letters, including repeats. Rearrange them.

Your Turn

Use your new word. Write at least 5 words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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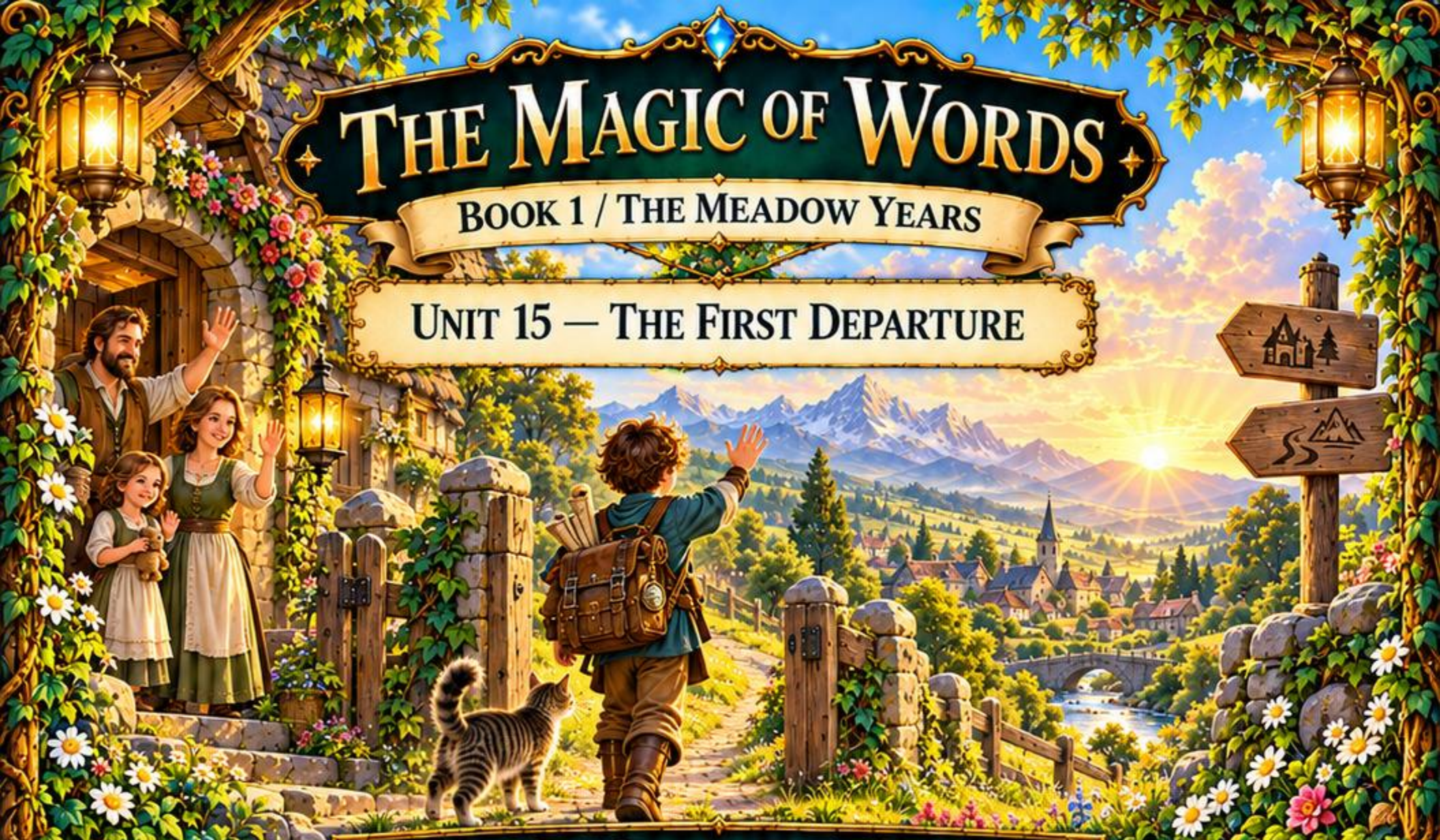

Level 3: Solve Two Riddles

1

Years of learning change me greatly.
Which verb means to change something in a major way?

Hint: 9 Letters / Starts with T

2

After years of planning, I finally achieve my dream.
Which verb can mean to achieve a dream or carry out a promise?

Hint: 7 Letters / Starts with F

Your Turn

Use either new word. Write at least 5 words.

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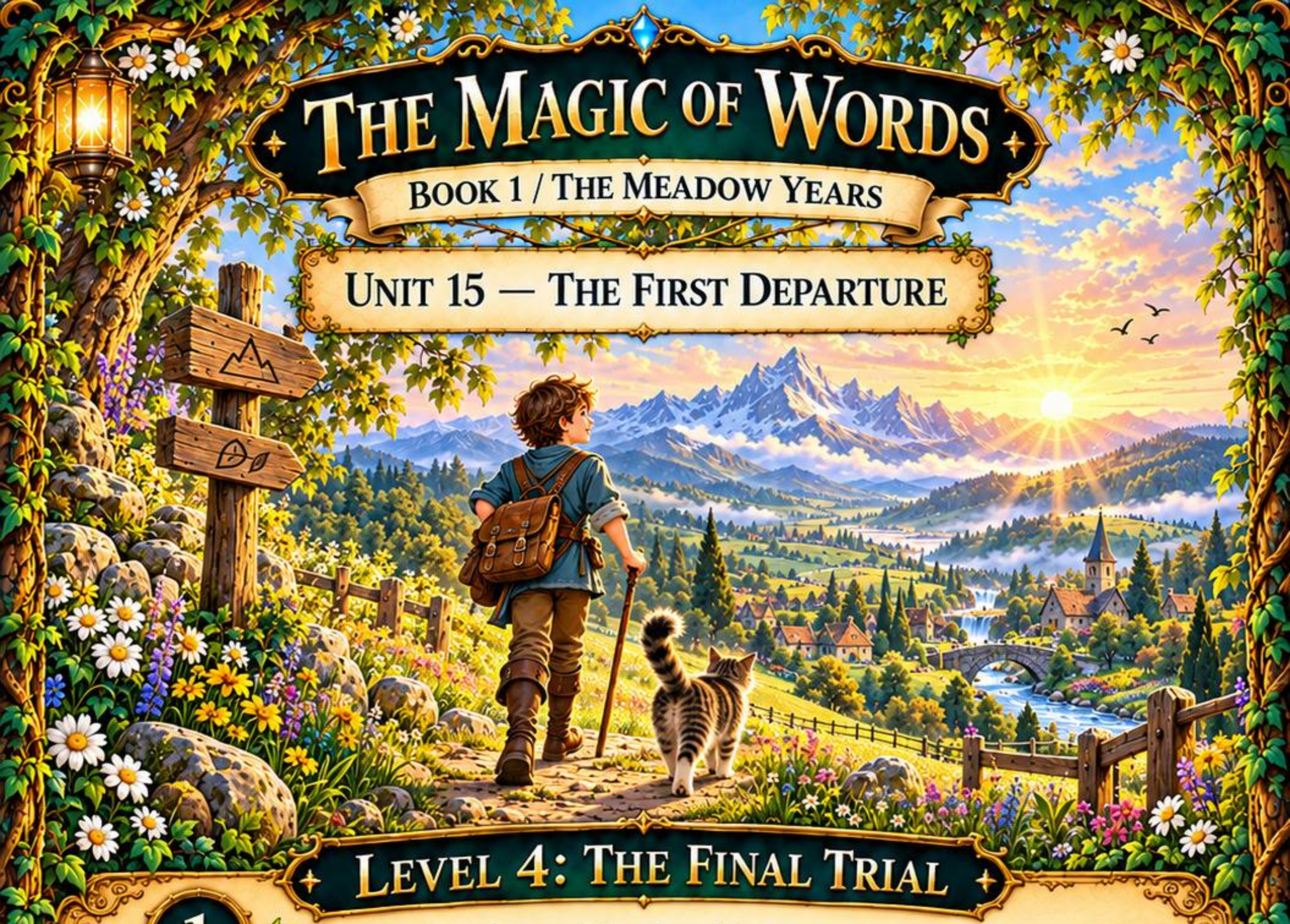

Level 4: The Final Trial

1

Finishing a difficult task brings a great success.
What noun means a major victory or achievement?

Hint: 7 Letters / Starts with T

2

Complete Each Sentence

Complete each sentence with a word from Levels 1–3.

1. New experiences would _____ the way Rowan understood the world.
2. The sun rose above the _____ as Rowan left the village.
3. He hoped to _____ his dream of exploring beyond the valley.
4. Rowan learned to _____ whenever a useful task became difficult.

1 2 3 4 5

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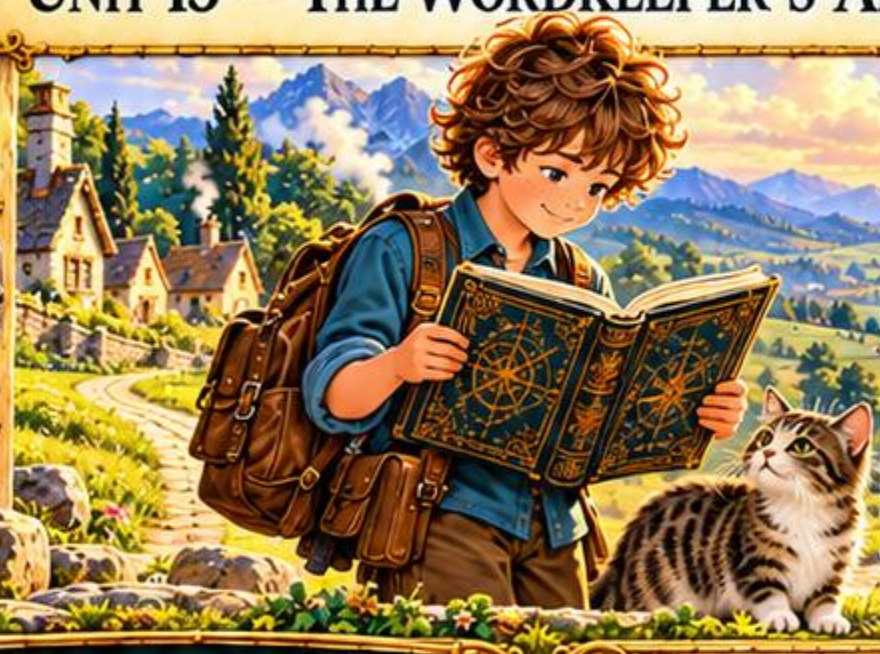


Horizon

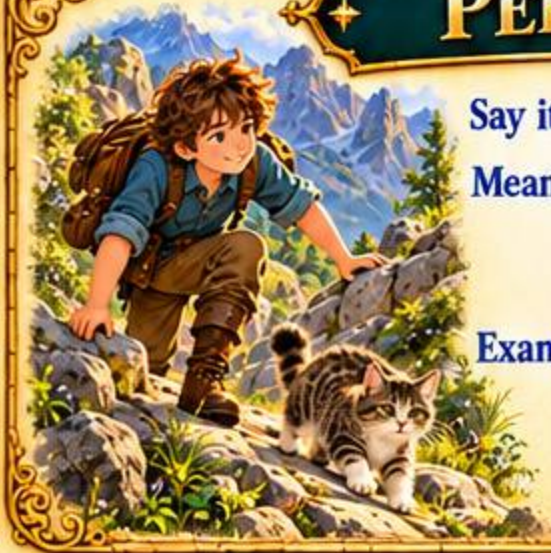


Say it: huh-RY-zun.

Meaning: The line where the sky seems to meet land or sea.

Example: The sun rose above the horizon as Rowan left the village.

Persevere



Say it: pur-suh-VEER.

Meaning: To keep trying even when something is difficult.

Example: Rowan learned to persevere whenever a useful task became difficult.

Transform



Say it: trans-FORM.

Meaning: To change something greatly in form or appearance.

Example: New experiences would transform the way Rowan understood the world.

Fulfill



Say it: fool-FIL.

Meaning: To achieve something hoped for or carry out a promise.

Example: He hoped to fulfill his dream of exploring beyond the valley.

Triumph

Say it: TRY-umf.

Meaning: A great victory or success.

Example: His first long journey was a quiet **triumph** after years of preparation.



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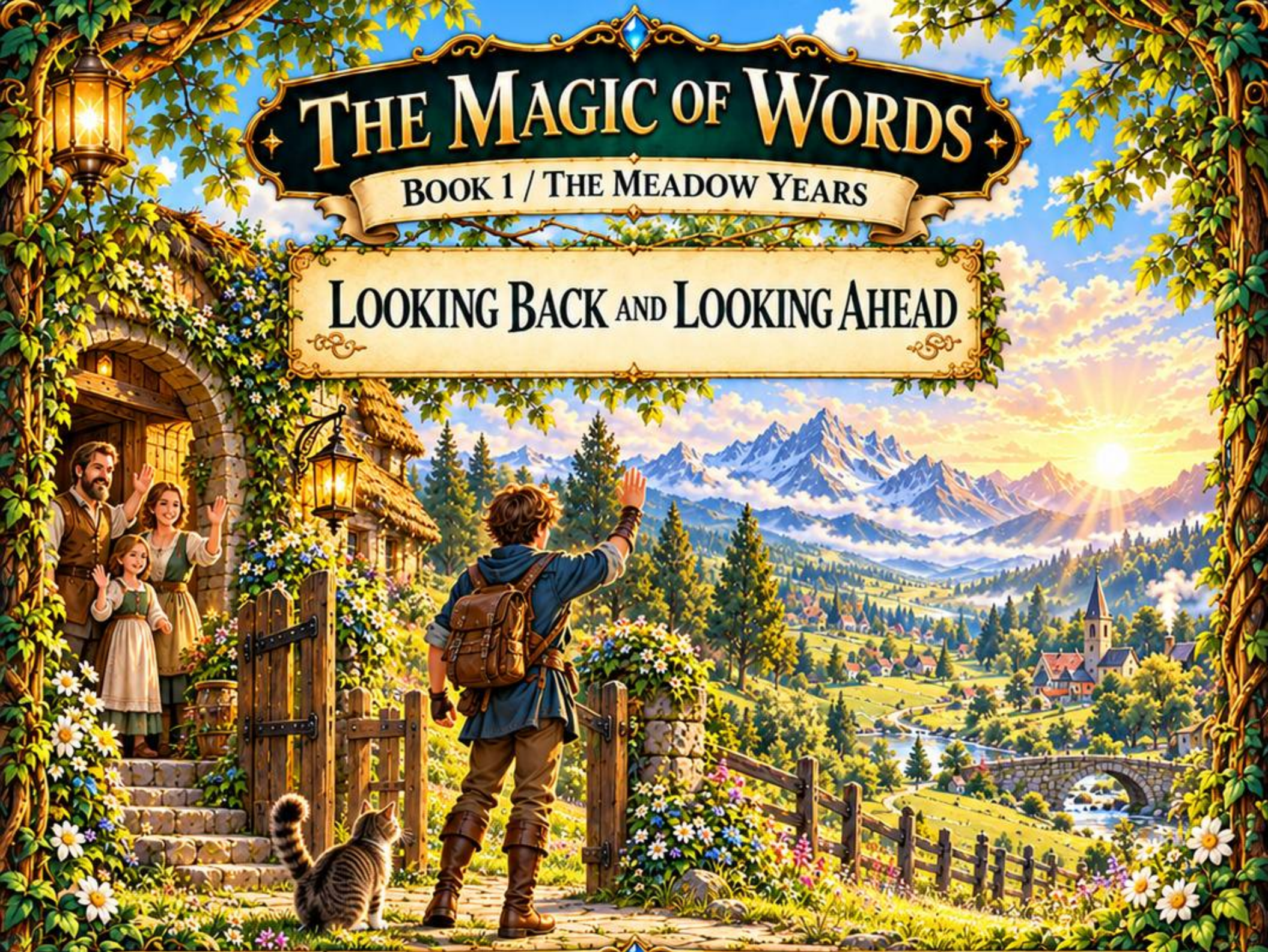
Looking Back and Looking Ahead



The Meadow Goes With Him

At eighteen, Rowan leaves the valley with more than a satchel. He carries patience from the garden, care from the stream, and the habit of checking whether a story is true. Several years of travel lie ahead. When Book 2 begins, he is twenty-four and stands before an archway into a hidden world. The meadow has prepared him to enter it, but it has not answered every question.

Think

Which lesson from Rowan's journey could help you make a choice in your own life?

