



RUDY AND THE BUTTERFLIES

VOCABULARY AND SEMANTICS

This story incorporates rich vocabulary across a variety of semantic categories (an important part of most state core educational standards and critical key to academic and reading success). **Download a companion activity sheet for each of the categories below!**

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Semantic Category	(Some) Examples from Story
Nouns	spectators, flock, rosette, loving cup, foal, colt, mare, arena, obstacles, blaze, kaleidoscope, whinny
Verbs	munched, gloated, plotted, thwarted, swooped, perked, brimming, romped, veered, crowned, hatched, gathered
Adjectives	elegant, foolish, sneaky, charming, hard-hearted, crafty, heartfelt, magnificent, dastardly, fluttery, fiendish, handsome, speedy, enormous
Adverbs	Time: soon, eventually, next, before, now, first Place: over, toward, wherever, around, across Manner: wildly, carelessly, smoothly, perfectly
Synonyms/Shades of Meaning	Evil: villainous, dreadfi;, mean, dispicable Horse: mare, filly, foal, colt Flowers: posies, blossoms, blooms
Alliteration	fancy fillies, awesome awards, terrific trophis, beautiful butterflies, pretty posies, colorful creatures
Similies/Figurative Language	mad as a hornet, like he had wings on his feet, ran like the wind, like the shifting colors of a kaleidoscope