

Scythes and Scimitars



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BEFORE YOU READ:

(All SnapWords® resources are available at child1st.com)

SOUND SPELLINGS: /S/ spelled SC. Words: SCILLY, SCYTHES, SCIMITARS, SCENT, ASCEND, CRESCENT, DESCEND, MUSCLES, SCENERY. SCILLY is a group of tiny islands off England’s southwest coast. ASCEND means to go up, while DESCEND means to go down. Refer to the pictures in the story for SCYTHE and SCIMITAR. SCYTHES has a Y that sounds like Long I. SCIMITARS has a Bossy R spelling AR that sounds like ER. SCENERY has a Bossy R spelling ER. MUSCLES has the LE spelling for /L/.

SNAPWORDS®: D Words: BUY. G Words: ALTHOUGH, BEAUTIFUL. BUY has two sounds: B and /I/ which is spelled UY. Rely on SnapWords® card for BUY because of the lack of other words with that spelling pattern. ALTHOUGH is one of the OUGH words. It sounds like ALL THO, which means OUGH /O/. The other word that shares the spelling pattern is “though.” BEAUTIFUL has “be” and then /U/ spelled AU, TI, FUL. The A sneaks in there not doing much of anything. Use SnapWords® card for this word also.

PREVIEW: Scan the storyline together to locate SnapWords® and target sound spellings.

READ: Please follow reading tips as outlined in Book 1 in this section.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the boy interested in seeing on the family trip?
2. What did his mother like best of all?
3. What did they find at Tresco Abbey Gardens?
4. Why did they build Cromwell Castle even though St. Charles’ Castle was already there?

1. He wanted to see old blades such as scythes and scimitars. 2. Mother loved flowers the best. 3. Hundreds of flowers blooming even in the winter. 4. They built Cromwell Castle to defend the isle from enemies because the gunnery at King Charles didn’t work.



We're going to Tresco, an Isle of Scilly!
I am fascinated with old blades like
scythes and scimitars, but Mom likes
flowers.

We will visit the Tresco Abbey Gardens where, even in winter, 300 kinds of flowers bloom. The scenery is beautiful!

At Abbey Gardens, the scent of the flowers is sweet. Although Mom can't cut flowers, she can buy them! The white ones are most beautiful, Mom says.

When we ascend and descend tall hills, our muscles get sore! Now we sit at a table by the sea. We will enjoy the beautiful scenery, and the scent of flowers as we eat!

At night, I see a beautiful crescent moon high in the sky. The light glistens on the water and I feel happy.





Although I did not see scimitars or scythes, I loved this trip to the Isles of Scilly. One day I will come back!