

Text Talk - Sheila Rae, the Brave by Kevin Henkes

Words: fearless, suddenly, convince

Word 1: fearless

Introduce the Word:

One day Sheila Rae decided to walk home from school a new way. She was singing that she was brave and *fearless*.

Fearless means not being afraid or scared.

Examples:

The lion trainer was *fearless* as he approached the cage.

The little boy was *fearless* as he jumped off the high dive.

The girl was *fearless* as she played the piano in front of the large audience.

This is how it looks: fearless

Clap it out: fear-less

Activities:

If you are *fearless* in this situation, growl. If not, sit quietly.

- Swimming in the deep end
- Riding a roller coaster
- Shopping in the grocery store
- Going to the dentist
- Watching tv
- Sharing your journal in front of the class

What's the word we're learning?

Word 2: suddenly

Introduce the Word:

As Sheila Rae was walking home, it *suddenly* occurred to her that nothing looked familiar.

Suddenly means to happen or come without warning.

Examples:

As the car passed, the dog *suddenly* started barking.

During the storm, the lights in the house *suddenly* went out.

This is what it looks like: suddenly

Clap it out: sud-den-ly

Activities:

Give me some reasons why something would suddenly happen.

Discuss and share.

What's the word we're learning?

Word 3: convince

Introduce the Word:

When Sheila Rae realized she was lost, she tried to *convince* herself that she was brave and fearless.

Convince means to make a person agree or believe.

Examples:

I tried to *convince* my mom to let me have another cookie.

After taking the test, I was *convinced* I would get a good grade.

This is how it looks: convince

Clap it out: con-vince

Activities:

Turn and Talk to your partner:

- 1) How would you convince your parents to let you have a dog?
- 2) How would you convince your parents to let you have a sleepover?
- 3) Tell your partner how you would convince your teacher to have a recess.

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Give some examples of being fearless.

Give examples of something that can happen suddenly.

Give an example of something that you would have to convince your parents to give you.