

## Lesson Vocabulary

### Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Pushing Up the Sky*. Practice using these words.

### Vocabulary Words

**antlers** one of two bony growths on the head of a deer and certain other animals

**imagined** formed pictures in a person's mind of things or ideas that are elsewhere or not real

**languages** spoken or written words

**narrator** a person who tells the story

**overhead** over the head; placed high up; above

**poked** pushed with something pointed; jabbed

## Conventions

### Main and Helping Verbs

**Main verbs** show the action in the sentences. **Helping verbs** can show the time of the action. *Have, has, had, will, is, am, are, was, and were* can be helping verbs. A verb phrase uses a main verb and a helping verb together.

We were running.

They are climbing.

The dogs have barked before.

### Activity

**Using Verb Phrases** Write main verbs and helping verbs, each on an index card. Divide the cards into main verb and helping verb piles. Mix each pile and place the cards facedown. Each player takes the two top cards and creates a verb phrase. Then the player uses the verb phrase in a sentence. If the helping verb and main verb do not make sense together, return the helping verb to the bottom of the pile and choose another helping verb card until a phrase can be made that makes sense.

## Practice Tested Spelling Words

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