

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Around One Cactus*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

lofty tall, or high off the ground

incredible hard to believe

noble belonging to a high social class

search to look for something

stinging having a sharp pain

topic a subject

unseen not seen

survivors those who remain alive after an event where others have died

waterless without water

Conventions

Irregular Verbs

Most verbs change their spelling in a regular pattern. When the verb changes from present to past, you add *-ed*. **Irregular verbs** don't follow this pattern. They have special changes in spelling all their own.

Regular Verbs

Present	Past	Past with <i>have, had, has</i>
talk	talked	talked
smile	smiled	smiled

Irregular Verbs

Present	Past	Past with <i>have, had, has</i>
go	went	gone
sing	sang	sung

Activity

Verbal Toss-Up Write one of the following present-tense verbs on each of twelve index cards: *write, speak, run, draw, laugh, read, take, steal, buy, wrinkle, cough, and sit*. Place the cards on the floor. Take turns tossing counters to land on a card. Say "regular" or "irregular" for the verb your counter lands on. Then write or spell aloud the present and two past tenses of the verb.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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