Meanings are standard definitions chosen by the team. Angela checks them before the bus goes live.

British and local words

Each card shows a word and its kind: British English, regional, slang or dialect. Under it are its meaning and Angela's sentence.
Then you see the piece, the stop and the mood.
Try it: Use this word in a sentence of your own.

bonny *(mainly Scottish, or Northern England)*

Pretty, lovely or handsome. Also merry or fine, as in a bonny family.
"The mild mannered breeze kept its gentleman ease, with aromas bounced along so bonny!"
Mild winter page (the season book), first description
Not yet on the bus
Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026
Meaning written by Quinn.
For ages 7 to 9 the 'woe' sentence of this piece is not used. This sentence is not that one..

chivy *(British English)*

To urge someone along, asking again and again.
"Mother moon, centre of the night, light heart bold and bright, chivy-awaken your kindred stars."
The Moon as a Protector
The moon: Cosy (mood: Cosy)
Angela's original

cosiest *(British English)*

Warmest and most comfortable. Spelt “coziest” in the US.
"A buttermilk eye ‘twas patient aloft in bonhomie with cosiest clouds,
steel-magnolia clouds that came as comforters in her long vigil."
The Moon as a Rebel Light
The moon: Adventurous (mood: Adventurous)
Angela's original

cotton-wool *(British English)*

Soft, fluffy cotton, used for cleaning skin or as padding.
"In those days of ebbing winter, as the spring gained strength in thawing earth, the lamp hugged all with cotton-wool light."
The Bright Lamps are Writing a Bonny Mood
The lamp: Merry (mood: Merry)
Angela's original

dales *(regional)*

Valleys, especially in the north of England.
"Dewy dales and dips drink its golden gift in slow sips, savouring a new, steady ease."
Spring Ring story starter
Spring Ring (mood: Spring)
Spring Ring, level KS4, written for ages 14 to 16

easy-peasy *(British informal)*

Very easy; presenting no difficulty at all. A friendly British saying, often said by children.
"Three months passed as a mosaic of fall-spring, what a 'fing,' to happen. For it had no ice fangs, no thunderous bangs, just a casual saunter-cruise so easy-peasy."
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helter-skelter *(British English)*

In hurried, haphazard disorder. Also a high spiral slide at a fairground.
"Twigs rustled indignantly even as they granted birds shelter, even as they rerouted rude winds down their helter-skelter."
Winter trees page (the season book), second description
Not yet on the bus
Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026
Meaning written by Quinn.

plaited *(British English)*

Twisted together in an over-and-under pattern, as hair or rope is. Called braided in the US.
"As a Celtic crown of ancient lore, plaited strands, swirls and more, all was coated most generously."
Winter page (the season book), December 4, 2025
Not yet on the bus
Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026

strop *(British English)*

A fit of bad temper; a tantrum.
"The memory of the storm’s strop was their soul sugar, their pride, their bravado fuel."
Spring Street story starter
Spring Street (mood: Spring)
Spring Street, level KS2, written for ages 7 to 9

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