

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

Old and literary words

Each card shows a word and how it is labelled: archaic, literary, poetic or old-fashioned.

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.

a-shiver (poetic)

Shivering; shaking slightly with cold.

The little a- at the front is an old poetic form, as in a-shiver and a-top.

"Sunset blew its finest raspberry at the Earth, for below was winter snow, ice and a-shiver."

Winter sunset page (the season book), second description

Not yet on the bus

Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026

Meaning written by Quinn.

a-top (poetic)

On top of something. The little a- at the front is an old poetic form of on, as in a-top and a-shiver.

"Hot chocolate steamed hot,
marshmallow pillows bobbing a-top."

Winter page (the season book),

December 4, 2025

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2026*

Meaning written by Quinn.

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line left off for schools. This sentence is
not the last line.*

anon (archaic)

Soon; in a little while.

"Anon, a throng of rebel rays washes in,
cool-conspiring to warm the frost-bit
skin, to call back halcyon days and
heroic ways, to wake the world to a
rescuer's returned gaze."

Spring Ring story starter

Spring Ring (mood: Spring)

Spring Ring, adult version

behold (literary)

To look at something and see it.

"My sight they did fill with more beauty
than any mortal heart can dream, than
any mortal heart has a right to behold."

How Rain Romances Mischief's Soul

The rain: Merry (mood: Merry)

Angela's original

bid (literary)

To ask or tell someone to do something.

"Owl, mouse and moth loved her so,
and bid her ne'er to go, yet to stay all
the night full-bright unbowed in her
plight to keep all safe and sound."

The Moon as Hope and Love

The moon: Cosy (mood: Cosy)

Angela's original

bounty (literary)

A large and generous supply of something, especially from nature.

"Autumn's bounty below curls as white moss, yet my childish spirit sees a host of blonde hedgehogs."

Cold winter page (the season book)

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Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026

carolled (literary)

Sang or said something in a happy, cheerful way. Spelt caroled in the US.

"Sunset blew its finest raspberry at the Earth, for below was winter snow, ice and a-shiver. Yet even as it carolled its comfort from above, it secretly created the sky-scape with love."

Winter sunset page (the season book), second description

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Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026, spelling made UK

Meaning written by Quinn.

ether (literary)

The sky, or the clear air high above.

"Rain blossomed from the ether as
desert flowers to quenched sand,
appearing independent of both clouds
and gravity."

How Rain Romances Mischief's Soul

The rain: Merry (mood: Merry)

Angela's original

faeries (archaic or poetic)

Fairies: imaginary little beings with
magical powers.

"Hearth fires roared. Music elevated.
Souls found the merriest season's
salvation. Secluded sanctuary. Smiles
as gentle faeries."

Winter page (the season book),

December 4, 2025

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2026*

halcyon (literary)

Peaceful and happy. Halcyon days are calm, golden days, often remembered from the past.

"Within a howl of operatic range it spoke of its stormy rage. It desired to delete the halcyon days, to deny winter any claim of beauty, any stake in the concept of a wonderland."

Winter storm page (the season book)

Not yet on the bus

Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026

Meaning written by Quinn.

From the winter storm piece, which is for the older age groups only.

languid (literary)

Slow, relaxed and without much energy.

"The wind flows as languid ice-water, silently deafening as numbness sets deep."

Cold winter page (the season book)

Not yet on the bus

Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026

marram (dialect)

A tough grass that grows on sandy shores and holds the sand dunes together.

"The marram grass blanches as salt wind is stuck on repeat."

Winter page (the season book), first use of ApplePipStars

Not yet on the bus

Angela's original, pasted 22 October 2026

Meaning written by Quinn.

morrow (archaic)

The next day.

"Come the morrow's shine it was mountain-heather gay."

Lamps that Light Up a Pathway to Adventure

The lamp: Adventurous (mood: Adventurous)

Angela's original

ne'er (poetic)

Never.

"To such bright renegades, black is but the best canvas, a place to create art in light, to declare that they will ne'er surrender the gift of empathic sight."

The Moon as a Rebel Light

*The moon: Adventurous (mood:
Adventurous)*

Angela's original

nought (literary)

Nothing.

"Whence otherwise the world could vanish into the grip of night, whence the light failed and withered to nought, she stayed in post and abandoned it not."

The Moon as a Rebel Light

*The moon: Adventurous (mood:
Adventurous)*

Angela's original

slumbers (literary)

Periods of sleep.

"For both sights and aromas it was a blank canvas I suppose, one that invited the imagination to bring its easel and stand, to awaken creativity from its pensive slumbers."

How Rain Romances Mischief's Soul

The rain: Merry (mood: Merry)

Angela's original

‘twas (poetic)

It was.

"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

wending (archaic)

Going along, slowly and on a winding way. Wending your way is travelling along a course.

"Again my eyes follow the rolling dunes, grooves on a landscape as a wending fingerprint."

*Cold winter page (the season book),
second piece (Evergreen)*

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whence (archaic)

From which place; from where.

"From whence it had come, I failed to fathom."

How Rain Romances Mischief's Soul

The rain: Merry (mood: Merry)

Angela's original

woe (literary)

Great sadness or sorrow.

"Woe was there in the feeble light."

Spring Street story starter

Spring Street (mood: Spring)

*Spring Street, level KS3, written for
ages 11 to 14*

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