

**Vocabulary for**  
***A Boy Called Bat* (2017)**  
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Chapter 1 – After School (pp. 1-5)

- leftovers (1) – remaining food
- flavors (1) – a food or drink’s distinct taste
- initials (2) – first letter of a name or word
- muffling (2) – making a sound quieter
- flap (3) – moving arms up and down
- snip (4) – the sound of something being cut

Chapter 2 – Bat’s Cave (pp. 6-11)

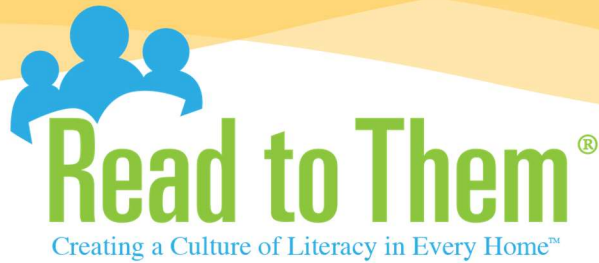
- comfortable (6) – providing ease and relaxation
- miscellaneous (7) – items of all different types
- unloaded (7) – removing something
- reorganized (7) – change the way in which something is arranged
- wool (8) – hair from a sheep or goat that is made into yarn
- left him to his own devices (8) – leaving someone to do as they wish without interference
- veterinarian (9) – a person who cares for sick or injured animals
- unusual (9) – strange
- pellet (9) – small, round mass
- bamboo (10) – giant stalks of wooden grass, usually tropical
- encyclopedia (10) – a book that contains information on many subjects
- beanbag (11) – a large comfortable cushion used as a seat

Chapter 3 – No Vanilla Yogurt (pp. 12-16)

- supposed (12) – assumed
- pain in my neck (13) – something irritating
- relief (13) – feeling of reassurance after a period of anxiety
- squinted (14) – partly close one’s eyes to see more clearly

Chapter 4 – Is It a . . . (pp. 17-20)

- station wagon (17) – car with a long body and an extra door at the rear
- hoglet (18) – baby hedgehog
- firmly (18) – steady, without doubt



#### Chapter 5 – A Tiny Pink Nose (pp. 21-28)

- peered (21) – look at keenly
- rags (22) – old pieces of cloth
- scooped (22) – picked up
- enchanted (22) – charmed
- hissed (24) – sound of disapproval
- plopped (24) – sit or lie down clumsily
- scooted (24) – slide in a sitting position
- visible (24) – seen without strain
- arching (25) – curved
- craned (25) – stretched out
- misunderstood (27) – incorrectly interpreted
- experts (27) – person who has a comprehensive knowledge of a skill or area

#### Chapter 6 – Skunk Lunch (pp. 29-34)

- mammals (29) – warm-blooded class of animal with a backbone
- omnivores (29) – animal that eats food of plant and animal origins
- formula (30) – food for an infant that replaces a mother’s milk
- bothered (31) – concerned about something
- syringe (31) – device for giving medicine
- plunger (31) – part of the syringe that pushes the liquid out
- crooned (32) – say in a soft, low voice

#### Chapter 7 – Every-Other Fridays (pp. 35-41)

- pretending (36) – acting, giving the appearance of
- distraction (37) – diversion
- enormous (37) – very large in size
- fastened (38) – secured
- convertible (38) – vehicle with a roof that can be lowered
- dashboard (39) – panel facing the driver of a vehicle

#### Chapter 8 – Sixteen Eyelets (pp. 42-51)

- attended (42) – went to
- saw whet (43) – type of small owl with a catlike face, oversized head, and bright yellow eyes
- administration (43) – officials in charge such as a principal
- rumple (45) – disturb or dishevel, especially one’s hair
- struggling (45) – having difficulty achieving something



- peppered (45) – covered in a scattered way
- philosophies (45) – ideals
- skirted (46) – moved along the edge of
- tinkling (47) – light, pleasant noise
- crinkle (49) – form small creases
- eyelets (50) – small round holes for threading shoelaces through

#### Chapter 9 – Open-Door Policy (pp. 52-57)

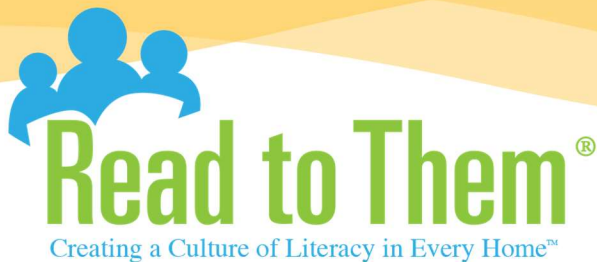
- white angora (53) – a large, fluffy type of rabbit
- cuddle (53) – hold close in an affectionate way
- ruin (54) – destroyed
- hutch (55) – a box or cage used to contain rabbits
- unspoken (56) – not expressed in speech
- rejoined (56) – returned to
- red-rimmed (57) – redness around the eyes, often due to crying

#### Chapter 10 – A Very Long Day (pp. 58-64)

- threatening (58) – having hostile qualities
- enclosure (59) – area that is sealed off
- yoga (60) – a health and relaxation practice
- considered (61) – thought about carefully
- collaborative (62) – the efforts of multiple people
- complained (63) – voicing a problem with someone or something
- interfering (63) – intervene without invitation
- twitchy (64) – nervous, anxious
- burgundy (64) – dark red
- mayfly (64) – an insect with a short life span

#### Chapter 11 – Apartment 2A (pp. 65-71)

- divorced (66) – no longer married
- mist (66) – tiny water droplets
- chilly (66) – cold
- crowded (67) – space full of people, leaving little room for movement
- rain slicker (67) – water-proof jacket
- tossed (68) – threw
- mushy (71) – soft and pulpy



#### Chapter 12 – Finally (pp. 72-77)

- dropper (73) – short glass tube with a rubber bulb at the end and a tiny hole at the other, used for measuring out small amounts of liquid
- sprouting (74) – growing from
- stubby (74) – short and coarse
- coupe (75) – a small car
- audition (76) – interview for an acting role

#### Chapter 13 – What’s in a Name (pp. 78-84)

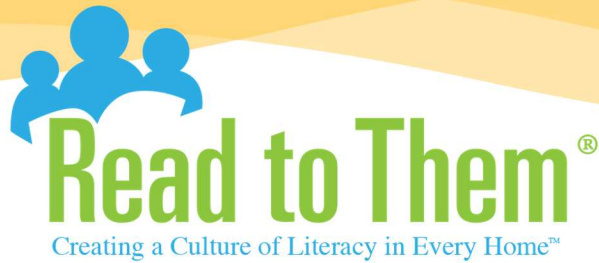
- kennel (78) – shelter for a dog or cat
- bond (79) – form a close relationship
- peering (79) – looking into
- latched (79) – fastened a door with a lock
- smearing (81) – coating messily with a substance
- allergic (81) – having a sensitivity or reaction to something
- munched (83) – eat with loud sounds
- mythology (83) – a culture’s set of stories or beliefs

#### Chapter 14 – Sleeping Arrangements (pp. 85-90)

- crushed (85) – smashed
- interrupted (86) – stopped the process of
- damp (86) – slightly wet
- blessing (86) – a herd of unicorns
- stomped (88) – heavy, noisy steps usually out of anger
- scrape (88) – apply pressure to remove an unwanted substance
- gross (88) – disgusting
- revisit (90) – return to

#### Chapter 15 – Dr. Jerry Dragoo (pp. 91-95)

- glossy (91) – shiny and smooth
- glands (92) – an organ in an animal’s body that releases a chemical substance into its surroundings
- detected (92) – discover the presence of
- hollow (92) – having an empty space inside
- burrows (92) – hole or tunnel dug by an animal
- domestic (92) – an animal tamed and kept by humans
- aerial (93) – animal with ability to fly



Chapter 16 – A Correspondence (pp. 95-102)

- shrugged (97) – raised one’s shoulders indifferently
- advice (99) – idea on how to solve a problem
- satchel (99) – large bag that fastens on the top
- annoying (99) – irritating
- professor (99) – teacher at a college
- icon (100) – small picture or sign
- squinched (102) – squeezed almost shut

Chapter 17 – At the Clinic (pp. 103-116)

- celebrity (104) – a famous or well-known person
- overwhelmed (105) – smothered
- flickering (105) – flashing on and off
- marsupial (110) – mammals whose mothers carry babies in a pouch
- disturbed (110) – bothered
- draped (112) – gently hung
- shaggy (113) – hairy
- restraint (114) – device to keep a dog still during grooming

Chapter 18 – Dinner Date (pp. 117-125)

- rustling (117) – soft sounds of movement
- extracted (117) – removed
- compliment (123) – a positive comment about someone
- wriggling (123) – gentle or frantic movement

Chapter 19 – A Blessing of Sorts (pp. 126-131)

- rodent (128) – small animals like mice and rats
- Mephitidae (128) – family of animals including skunks
- Mustelidae (128) – family of animals including weasels and badgers
- stomped (129) – marched aggressively
- gesture (130) – a symbolic act

Chapter 20 – Problems (pp. 132-139)

- dioramas (134) – models, often made in a box
- pleaded (136) – begged
- trustworthy (137) – someone you can trust, an honest person
- queasy (138) – upset stomach
- placidly (138) – calmly



#### Chapter 21 – Organizational Systems (pp. 140-148)

- organized (140) – neat with everything in its place
- wrenches (141) – hand tool for tightening or loosening bolts
- pedestrians (142) – people walking
- exceptional (145) – really special
- crinkled (147) – distinct sound made by folded paper or foil
- welling (148) – water gathering

#### Chapter 22 – Baseball and Braiding (pp. 149-154)

- rooting (150) – supporting a team in a game
- snagging (151) – caught in a tangle or knot
- fascinating (152) – very interesting
- complicated (153) – not simple

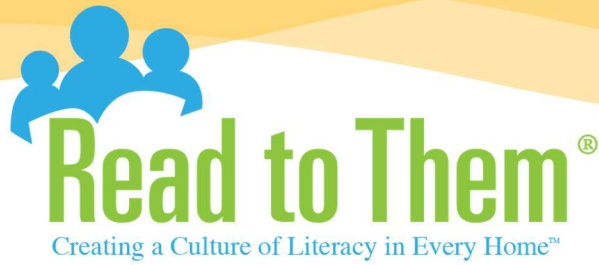
#### Chapter 23 – Windows (pp. 155-164)

- scooping (156) – picking up
- padded (156) – protected
- velvety (156) – rich darkness
- rustled (156) – moved with small, quick movements
- transformed (158) – changed
- gasped (158) – an astonished breath
- emerged (159) – came out
- hazel (160) – an eye color with gold, brown, and green
- flecks (162) – small specks

#### Chapter 24 – A Reply (pp. 165-175)

- gratification (166) – thanks, satisfaction
- reluctantly (167) – unwillingly
- gaze (168) – vision, look
- sincere (168) – with honesty
- curious (170) – wanting more information
- challenging (172) – difficult
- caretaker (172) – person who gives care to another person or animal
- betterment (173) – make better, improve
- reputation (173) – what others think of someone





Chapter 25 – Houseguests (pp. 176-182)

- nervously (176) – anxiously, with unease
- commitment (180) – an obligation, an agreement to do a task
- dedicated (181) – committed, work hard at something
- impressed (182) – pleased with a job well-done
- vibrating (182) – throbbing with excitement

Chapter 26 – How to Know Someone (pp. 183-192)

- handball (184) – a game where you hit a ball against a wall
- framed (187) – bordered
- enormous (189) – very large
- clever (189) – smart, talented