



# Touching Spirit Bear

by Ben Mikaelson

## Power Vocabulary List

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### ACKNOWLEDGE

*Pronunciation* ak-nol-ij

*Part of Speech* verb

*Definition 1* to show that you have seen and recognized somebody

*Word Used in Context*

She wanted to **acknowledge** the kindness and support of her parents in her acceptance speech.

Luke was being stubborn and didn't want to **acknowledge** any opinions that differed from his.

The celebrity stopped to **acknowledge** some of her fans, and even signed autographs for them.

### ATTEMPT\*

*Pronunciation* uh-tempt

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* the act or an instance of making an effort to do, accomplish, solve, or effect

*Word Used in Context*

Her **attempt** to jump over the puddle was unsuccessful, and her shoes ended up soaking wet.

She made a sincere **attempt** to understand the language, but never felt like she had gotten the grasp of it.

Bob made an **attempt** to sneak into the house quietly, but knocked over a lamp and woke everyone up.

### BRAG\*

*Pronunciation* brag

*Part of Speech* verb

*Definition 1* to talk in a boastful way about how good you are at something

*Word Used in Context*

Jake knew that if he won the swim meet, he'd have something to **brag** about at school the next day.

Tina did not have many friends because all she ever did was **brag** about how rich her family was.

Abe didn't like to **brag**, but he just had to tell someone about how well he had done in the tennis match.

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### CELEBRATION\*

*Pronunciation* sel-uh-**bray**-shuhn

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a joyous ceremony or gathering, usually to mark a major event

*Word Used in Context*

Maggie wanted to have a small birthday **celebration** with just her close family members. They planned a large **celebration** to welcome home their son who had been gone for two years.

Karen began cooking days before the party because she believed that plenty of food and drink were an important part of a **celebration**.

### COLLAPSE

*Pronunciation* kuh-**laps**

*Part of Speech* verb

*Definition 1* to fall down suddenly from weakness or illness

*Word Used in Context*

Every time a slight breeze came through, Sally's house of cards would **collapse**.

From the weight of the falling snow on its roof, the old barn will surely **collapse**.

During earthquakes, buildings often **collapse** and fall to the ground.

### COMMOTION

*Pronunciation* kuh-**moh**-shuhn

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a lot of noisy, excited activity

*Word Used in Context*

The teacher ran to the cafeteria when he heard the **commotion**, thinking it may be a fight. Between the traffic and the construction work, the **commotion** outside her window was almost unbearable.

The children realized that they would have to cause a **commotion** to get their parents' attention away from the movie.

### CONCENTRATE\*

*Pronunciation* **kon**-suhn-trate

*Part of Speech* verb

*Definition 1* to focus your thoughts and attention on something

*Word Used in Context*

Bill had to **concentrate** to make sure his hand didn't slip while he was assembling the model airplane.

Lisa tapped her pencil during the test, which distracted Todd and made it hard for him to **concentrate**.

The author needed quiet in order to **concentrate** on writing his new novel.

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### FEARLESS

*Pronunciation*    **fih**r-liss

*Part of Speech*    adjective

*Definition 1*        very brave and not afraid

*Word Used in Context*

The warrior was **fearless** as he went into battle because he knew he could defeat the enemy army.

Jan was **fearless** about taking the test because she had studied so hard.

The cat seemed to be **fearless** as it attacked the gentle dog, but then quickly ran away when the dog became ferocious.

### FRANTIC\*

*Pronunciation*    **fran**-tik

*Part of Speech*    adjective

*Definition 1*        wildly excited by worry or fear

*Word Used in Context*

Pauline was **frantic** before the party because the food had not arrived yet and the guests were due in fifteen minutes.

Lowell was **frantic** before his vacation overseas because he had a fear of flying.

The teacher told the students that they must remain calm during the fire drill and not become **frantic**.

### FRIGID

*Pronunciation*    **frij**-id

*Part of Speech*    adjective

*Definition 1*        extremely cold

*Word Used in Context*

The **frigid** temperatures of Antarctica make it difficult for many animals to live there.

The steaks were **frigid** when they came out of the freezer, so they had to be thawed before they could be cooked.

The weather had become so **frigid** that people did not leave their homes unless they had to, and anxiously awaited warmer temperatures.

### GENERATION\*

*Pronunciation*    jen-uh-**ray**-shuhn

*Part of Speech*    noun

*Definition 1*        all the people born around the same time

*Word Used in Context*

Lucy finds it hard to relate to her mother's **generation** because there have been so many changes since then.

She kept the quilt safe in the trunk so she could pass it on to the next **generation**, just as her mother had given it to her.

Petra did not care at all for the newfangled ways of the younger **generation**, preferring things be done in the old fashioned way with which she was accustomed.

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### INNOCENT\*

*Pronunciation* in-uh-suhnt

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* not knowing about something

*Word Used in Context*

The child looked up at her mother with **innocent** eyes, and it was clear that the whole thing had been an accident.

She had an **innocent** way of trusting everyone and believing in their goodness.

Babies are **innocent** because they aren't capable of hurting anyone.

### INTENTION

*Pronunciation* in-ten-shuhn

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a thing that you mean to do

*Word Used in Context*

Her **intention** was to sneak up on him and surprise him, but he turned around and caught her before she had the chance.

Bonnie had no **intention** of going to the football game because she had a big test to study for that night.

A diary is a good place to write a letter that you have no **intention** of sending.

### LANDSCAPE

*Pronunciation* land-skape

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a large area of land that you can view from one place

*Word Used in Context*

She painted a **landscape** of green fields, trees, and sky.

Teresa looked over the valley and saw the whole **landscape**.

Melinda took a picture of the ocean **landscape** with her camera.

### MAKESHIFT

*Pronunciation* make-shift

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* a usually quick and temporary expedient

*Word Used in Context*

The **makeshift** table collapsed when the children all put their toys on it at once.

Jon made **makeshift** skis by attaching snow boots to thin strips of wood.

The settlers dug pits in the snow to act as **makeshift** refrigerators for their food.

### MEMORY\*

*Pronunciation* mem-uh-ree

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* something that you remember from the past

*Word Used in Context*

She did not have a single **memory** of her time in Europe as a young child, so she looked at photographs to see what it was like.

The year he spent living on his boat are a fond **memory** to him because of how much he enjoyed the solitude.

She had a vague **memory** of her great grandmother, but could not recall anything specific about the woman.

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### NUMB\*

*Pronunciation* nuhm

*Part of Speech* adjective

*Definition 1* unable to feel anything, or unable to move

*Word Used in Context*

After sleeping for so long on her side, Alice's left arm was completely **numb**.

The dentist gave Barry a shot to **numb** the area where he would be drilling out the cavity.

Pauline's finger was **numb** for several hours after she got her stitches.

### RECALL

*Pronunciation* ri-kawl

*Part of Speech* verb

*Definition 1* to remember something

*Word Used in Context*

He could not **recall** what his brother was wearing that day, but guessed that it was a blue shirt.

She was able to **recall** nine out of the ten words from the list she had memorized.

Archie tried to **recall** what time Tim had called him and remembered that it was right after soccer practice.

### REFLECTION\*

*Pronunciation* ri-flek-shuhn

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* the production of an image by or as if by a mirror

*Word Used in Context*

Amy gazed at her **reflection** in the mirror and wished that she had longer hair.

Narcissus is a mythological character who was so infatuated with his own **reflection** in a lake that he fell in and drowned while admiring himself.

The windows in the office building were so clean that Bobby could see his **reflection** quite clearly as he walked past.

### ROUTINE

*Pronunciation* roo-teen

*Part of Speech* noun

*Definition 1* a regular way or pattern of doing things

*Word Used in Context*

After several years at the same job, Margo followed a predictable **routine**.

As the days passed, the pattern of their daily **routine** remained the same.

"I have a regular way of doing things and I stick to this **routine** to get things done right," she insisted.

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## Power Vocabulary Activity



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**Directions:** For each vocabulary word below, circle it in the letter grid above—up and down, across, backwards or diagonally. Going across each row starting at the top left, place each unused letter on a blank until you reveal the hidden message.

ACKNOWLEDGE	COMMOTION	GENERATION	MEMORY
ATTEMPT	CONCENTRATE	INNOCENT	NUMB
BRAG	FEARLESS	INTENTION	RECALL
CELEBRATION	FRANTIC	LANDSCAPE	REFLECTION
COLLAPSE	FRIGID	MAKESHIFT	ROUTINE

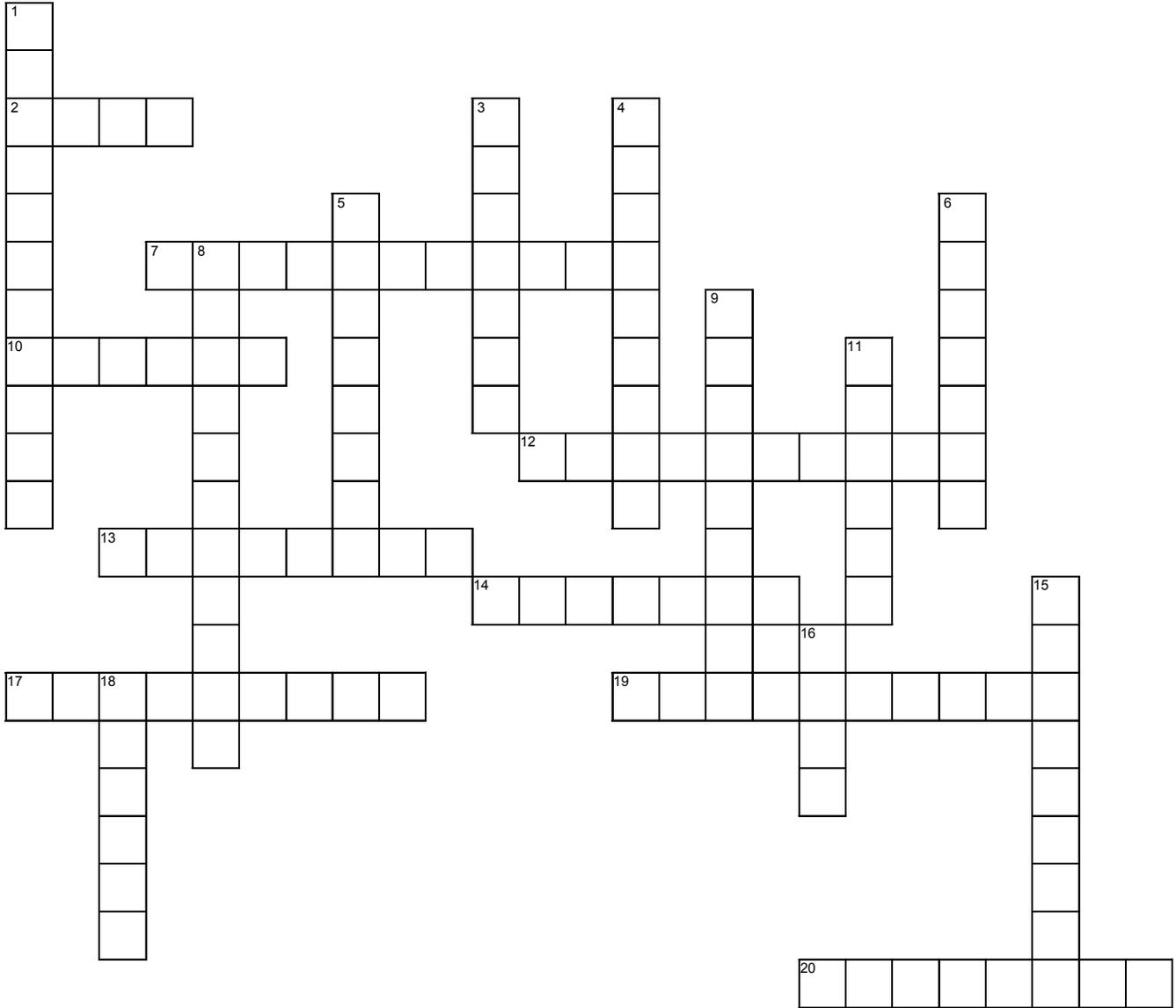
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### Across

- unable to feel anything, or unable to move
- to show that you have seen and recognized somebody
- to remember something
- the production of an image by or as if by a mirror
- very brave and not afraid
- wildly excited by worry or fear
- a lot of noisy, excited activity
- all the people born around the same time
- not knowing about something

### Down

- to focus your thoughts and attention on something
- the act or an instance of making an effort to do, accomplish, solve, or effect
- a usually quick and temporary expedient
- to fall down suddenly from weakness or illness
- a regular way or pattern of doing things
- a joyous ceremony or gathering, usually to mark a major event
- a thing that you mean to do
- extremely cold

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**Directions:** For each vocabulary word in the left column, locate its definition in the right column. Write the number of the correct definition in the blank before the word.

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|-----------------|--|
| ___ acknowledge | 1. very brave and not afraid   |
| ___ attempt     | 2. extremely cold  |
| ___ brag        | 3. a usually quick and temporary expedient   |
| ___ celebration | 4. something that you remember from the past                                       |
| ___ collapse    | 5. to remember something   |
| ___ commotion   | 6. not knowing about something   |
| ___ concentrate | 7. to talk in a boastful way about how good you are at something                   |
| ___ fearless    | 8. to focus your thoughts and attention on something                               |
| ___ frantic     | 9. the production of an image by or as if by a mirror                              |
| ___ frigid      | 10. to show that you have seen and recognized somebody                             |
| ___ generation  | 11. wildly excited by worry or fear  |
| ___ innocent    | 12. a joyous ceremony or gathering, usually to mark a major event                  |
| ___ intention   | 13. a large area of land that you can view from one place                          |
| ___ landscape   | 14. a lot of noisy, excited activity   |
| ___ makeshift   | 15. to fall down suddenly from weakness or illness                                 |
| ___ memory      | 16. unable to feel anything, or unable to move                                     |
| ___ numb        | 17. a thing that you mean to do  |
| ___ recall      | 18. all the people born around the same time                                       |
| ___ reflection  | 19. the act or an instance of making an effort to do, accomplish, solve, or effect |
| ___ routine     | 20. a regular way or pattern of doing things                                       |

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## Power Vocabulary Assessment



**Directions:** Now that you have completed *Touching Spirit Bear*, it's time to see if you can use the Power Vocabulary Words you learned while reading this book. Look at each of the sentences below and fill in the Power Vocabulary Word that would best complete the sentence.

ACKNOWLEDGE	COMMOTION	GENERATION	MEMORY
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CELEBRATION	FRANTIC	LANDSCAPE	REFLECTION
COLLAPSE	FRIGID	MAKESHIFT	ROUTINE

1. George grew up poor, and never really had anything to \_\_\_\_\_ about.
2. Her \_\_\_\_\_ was to help her mother with the gardening after school, but she decided to take a nap instead.
3. Alan did not \_\_\_\_\_ giving Jill the key, but she had it, so he must have just forgotten that he did it.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ popsicle soothed the child's cut lip.
5. Sam left a \_\_\_\_\_ message on his mother's answering machine, telling her that he had just been in a car accident and needed her help.
6. The wedding \_\_\_\_\_ went late into the night because everyone was having such a good time that they didn't want to leave.
7. Whenever Alex pulled a muscle in his back, his leg would become \_\_\_\_\_ and her would have trouble walking.
8. Even though they did not receive their regular delivery that day, they tried to stick to their usual \_\_\_\_\_ as much as possible.
9. "Down here you don't have a good view," he said, "but on the hill you can see the whole \_\_\_\_\_ of the valley."
10. People ran from the buildings as they started to \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ shelter lasted only long enough to protect the campers from the rain.
12. The women of her grandmother's \_\_\_\_\_ rarely had jobs outside the home.
13. Her favorite \_\_\_\_\_ from summer vacation was horseback riding.
14. It was difficult for the children to \_\_\_\_\_ on their schoolwork while the other class was playing outside their window.
15. She was startled when she looked up at the \_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror and saw someone standing behind her.

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16. The lion tamer seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ when he performed, but he had the proper respect for the wild animal and was aware that the lion could seriously hurt him..
17. Annie's mother told her that in order to be polite, she must \_\_\_\_\_ all of the guests at her birthday party.
18. The magician's \_\_\_\_\_ to pull a rabbit out of his hat had the whole audience waiting in anticipation.
19. Her \_\_\_\_\_ smile made her look like she was much younger than her actual age.
20. There was \_\_\_\_\_ in the theater before the show started, but everyone got quiet when the curtain was raised.