

Mrs Wordsmith

START A WORD HABIT IN JUST A DAY

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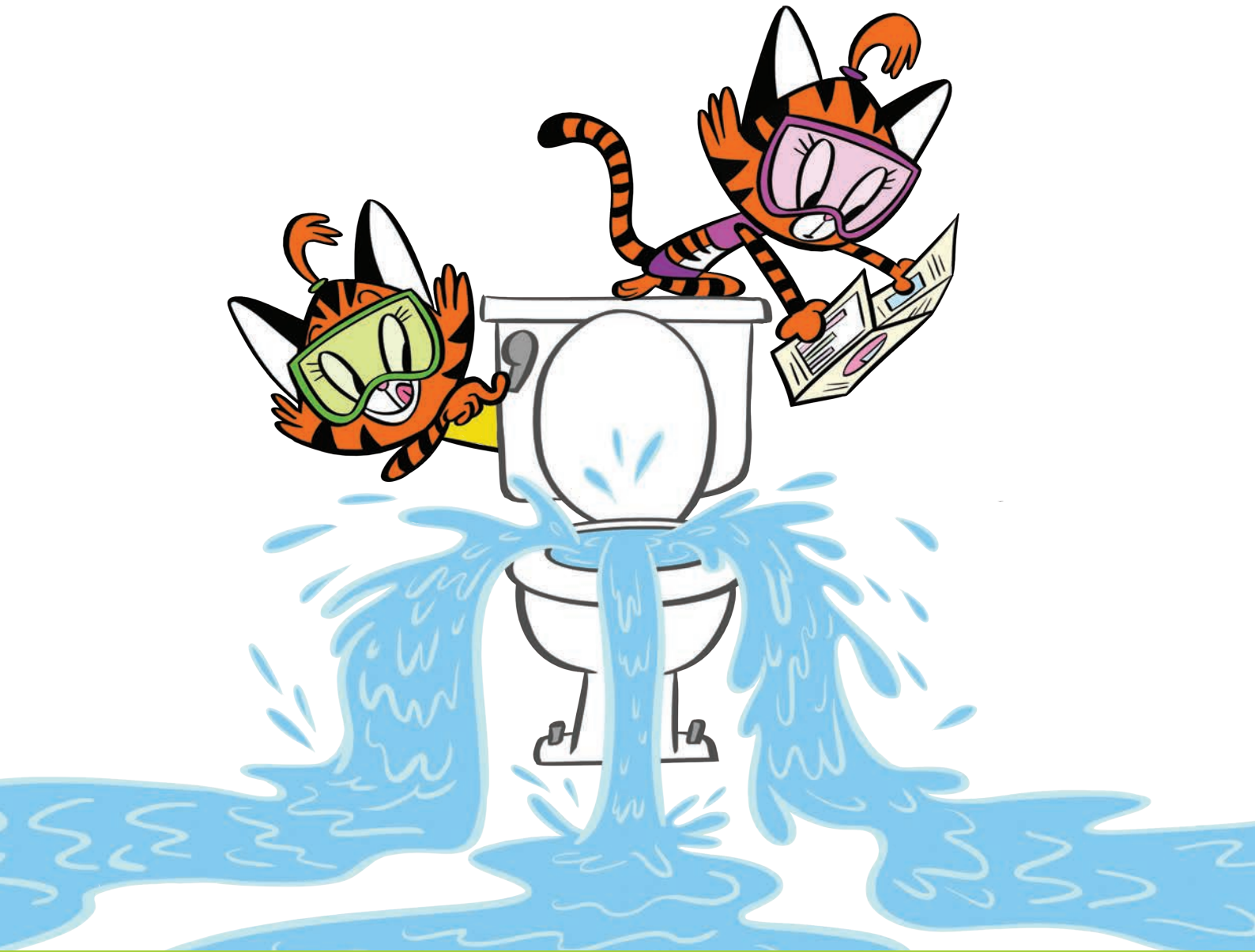
DAYS!

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Research shows that learning new words “little and often” is 90% more effective than trying to cram lots of words in one go. Use this free Word a Day printable to create a daily word learning habit that will last a lifetime - in just 10 days!

Every day, simply read the word and definition, enjoy the fun illustration, and look at all the supporting data. Plus, there’s a writing prompt for every word to inspire mind-blowing storytelling.



deluge

n. a flood or overflowing water
like gushing water from a blocked toilet

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a flood or overflowing water
like gushing water from
a blocked toilet

word pairs

sudden deluge
torrential deluge
catastrophic deluge

SYNONYMS

overflowing water
downpour
flood



etymology

Deluge comes from the
Latin word *diluvium*,
which means "flood".

deluge

Used in

4.3%
of stories

tell a story

Yin and Yang were determined
to stop the catastrophic **deluge**...





diverse

adj. mixed or varied

like a group of people who are all different from each other

word pairs

diverse **community**
 diverse **mix**
 diverse **culture**

adj.

mixed or varied
 like a group of people who are all different from each other

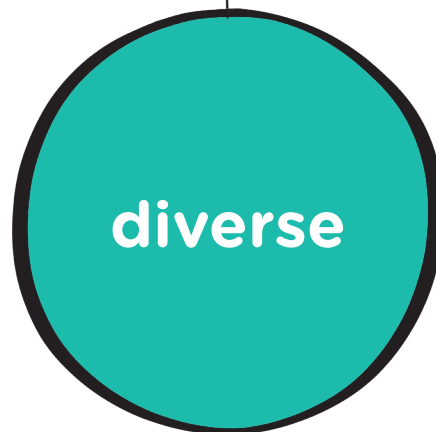
SYNONYMS

different
 varied
 mixed



etymology

Diverse comes from the Latin word *diversus*, which means “different”.



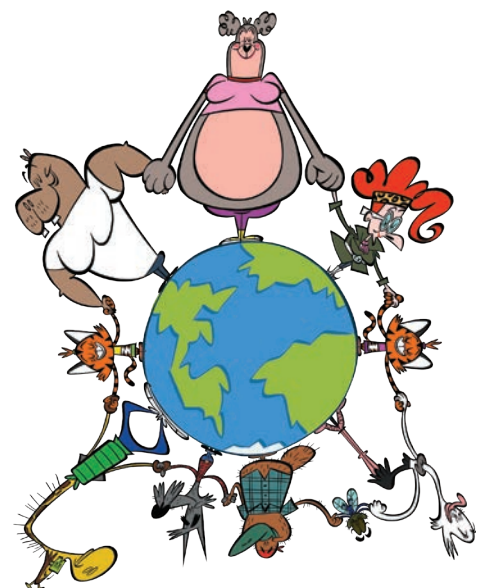
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2.6%

 of stories

tell a story

“We’re a **diverse** mix of animals,” said Bearnice. “We have all the skills required to...”





engrossed

adj. completely engaged or absorbed
like when something has your full attention

word pairs

engrossed **reader**

engrossed **attention**

engrossed **audience**

adj.

completely engaged or absorbed
like when something has
your full attention

SYNONYMS

engaged
absorbed
enthralled

engrossed



etymology

Engross comes from the Old French *en gros*, which means “to buy up the whole stock” and later came to mean “absorb the whole attention of”.

Used in

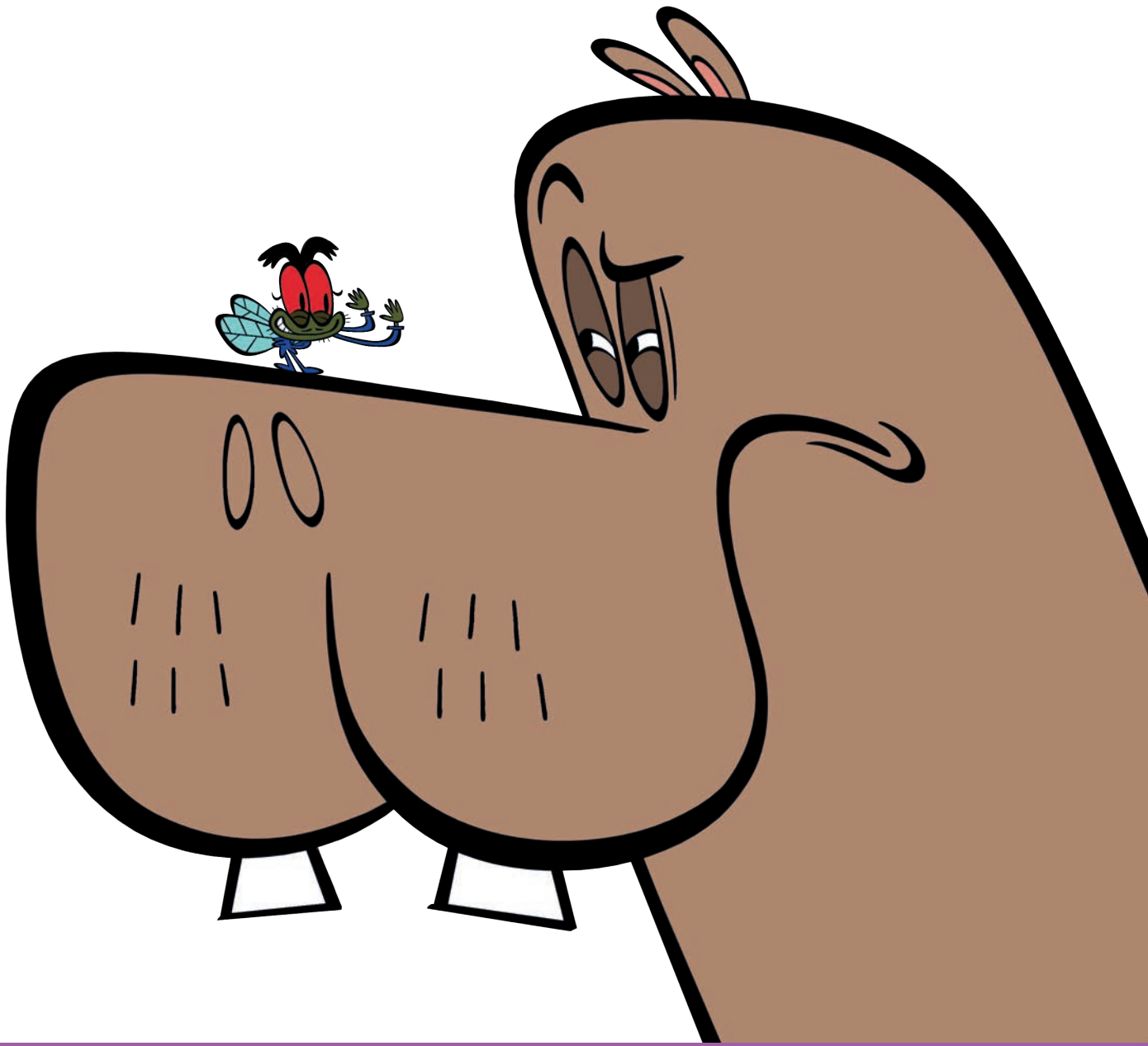
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of stories

tell a story

Bearnice was completely **engrossed** in a story about...





minuscule

adj. tiny or microscopic

like an insect so small you can barely see it

word pairs

minuscule **detail**
 minuscule **number**
 minuscule **particle**

adj.

tiny or microscopic
 like an insect so small
 you can barely see it

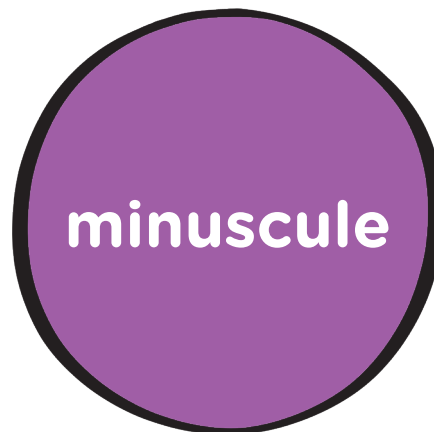
SYNONYMS

tiny
 microscopic
 minute



etymology

Minuscule comes from part of the Latin phrase *minuscula littera*, which means "slightly smaller letter".



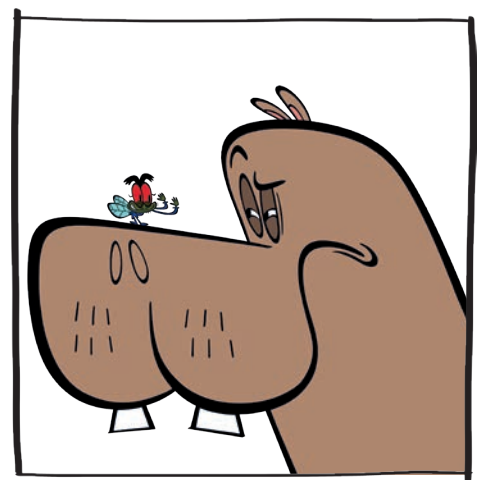
Used in

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 of stories

tell a story

The **minuscule** fly was starting to get on Brick's nerves...





wistful

adj. sad, longing, or nostalgic

like the sad feeling you get from some memories

word pairs

wistful **sigh**
 wistful **smile**
 wistful **memory**

adj.

sad, longing, or nostalgic
like the sad feeling you get
from some memories

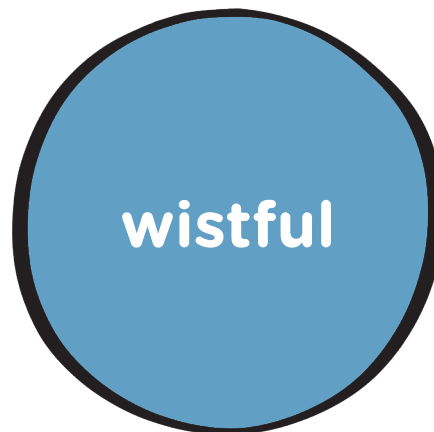
SYNONYMS

 longing
 nostalgic
 sad



etymology

Wistful is thought to be closely related to “wishful”.



Used in

8.7%

 of stories

tell a story

Shang High clutched his childhood teddy bear and let out a **wistful** sigh...





innovative

adj. creative or inventive

like the genius who carved the first wheel out of stone

word pairs

innovative **design**
 innovative **idea**
 innovative **technology**

adj.

creative or inventive
 like the genius who carved
 the first wheel out of stone

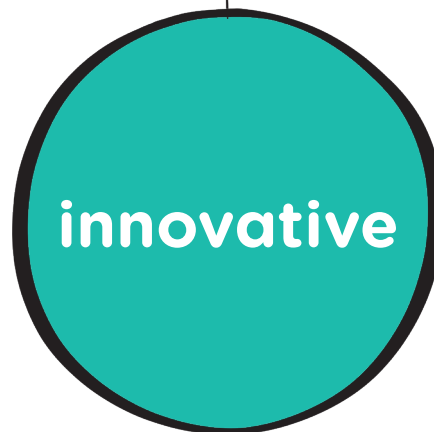
SYNONYMS

imaginative
 inventive
 original



etymology

Innovative comes from the Proto-Indo-European word *novus*, which means “new”.

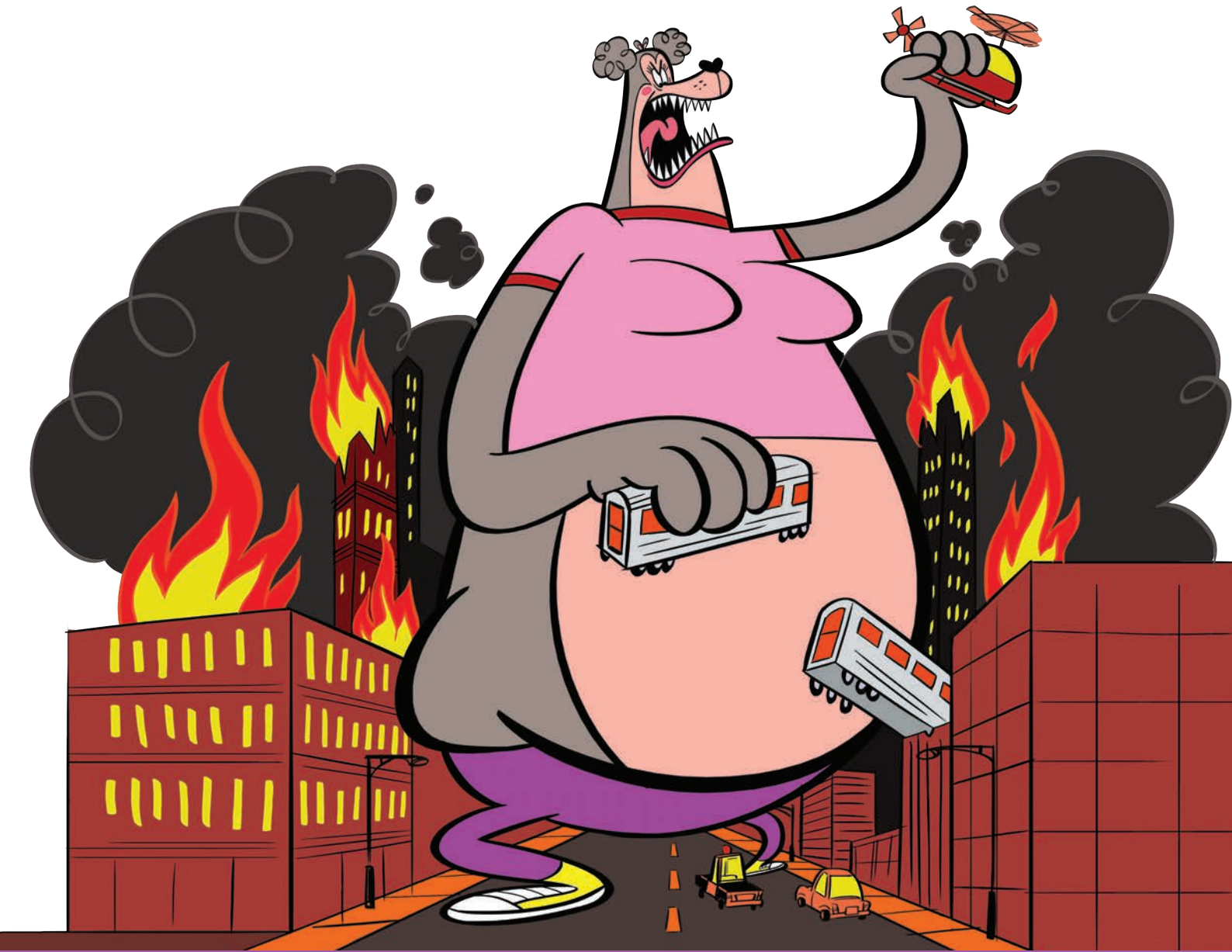


Used in
0.3%
 of stories

tell a story

It was an idea so **innovative** yet so simple
 that it would change the world forever...





havoc

***n.* damage or chaos**

like the mess caused by a giant bear smashing through a city

word pairs

cause havoc

wreak havoc

unleash havoc

n.

damage or chaos

like the mess caused by a giant bear smashing through a city

SYNONYMS

devastation

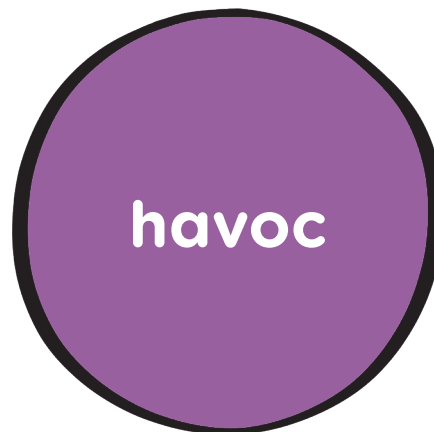
mayhem

chaos



etymology

Havoc comes from the Old French word *havot*, which means “steal or loot”.



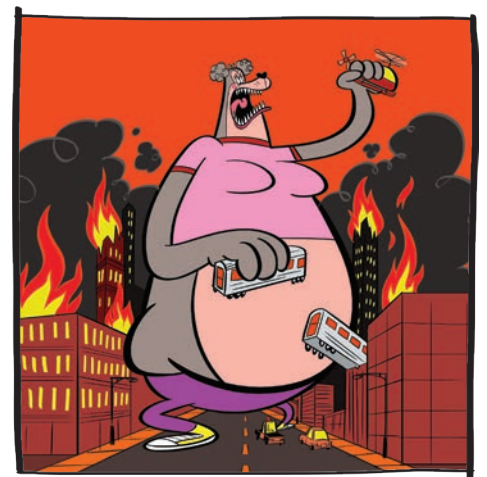
Used in

5.1%

of stories

tell a story

The ferocious monster wreaked **havoc** on the city...



word pairs

cluttered **room**

cluttered **office**

cluttered **desk**

adj.

messy or littered

like a room with clothes and toys
thrown all over the place

SYNONYMS

overflowing water
downpour
flood

“

In the center of the room, a long wooden table was **cluttered** with scrolls, notebooks, tablet computers, daggers, and a large bowl filled with jelly beans, which seemed kind of out of place.

Heroes of Olympus
The Son of Neptune
by Rick Riordan

cluttered

Used in

1.3%

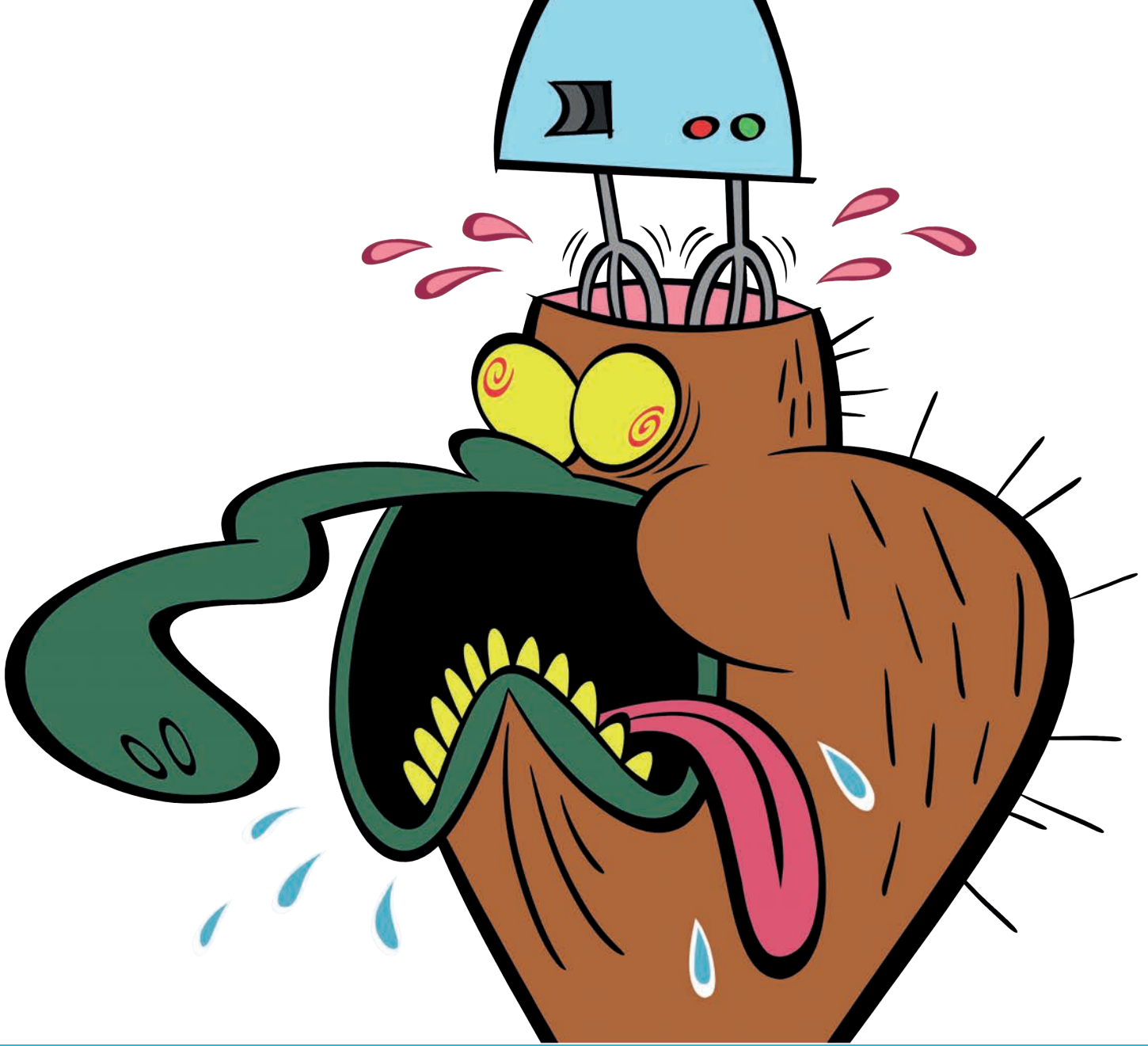
of stories

”

tell a story

Shang High's room was hopelessly **cluttered**. He searched and searched, but he couldn't find...





delirious

adj. incoherent, babbling, or frenzied

like someone who has stopped making any sense

word pairs

delirious joy
delirious fever
delirious excitement

adj.

incoherent, babbling, or frenzied
like someone who has stopped making any sense

SYNONYMS

incoherent
babbling
frenzied

“

“I’m **delirious**. Spots are crawling before my eyes.”

Howl’s Moving Castle
by Diana Wynne Jones

”

delirious

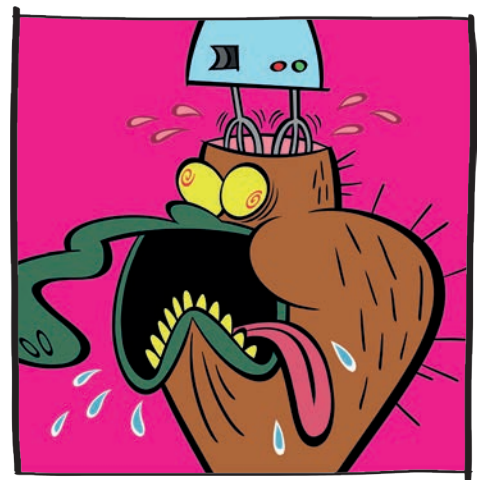
Used in

6.2%

of stories

tell a story

Plato was **delirious**.
He started ranting about...





resolute

adj. determined or purposeful

like a judge who will not change her mind

word pairs

resolute **character**
 resolute **voice**
 resolute **expression**

adj.

determined or purposeful
 like a judge who will
 not change her mind

SYNONYMS

 determined
 purposeful
 resolved

“

Hot tears fought for room
 in her eyes as she would not
 let them out. Better to stand
resolute and proud.

The Book Thief
 by Markus Zusak

”

resolute

Used in
10.1%
 of stories

tell a story

With a **resolute** expression on her face,
 the judge declared...

