Vocabulary List for *Esio Trot*

Vocabulary from the Story

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Tortoise	A reptile with a hard shell that lives on land	Mrs Silver's tortoise was called Alfie.
Balcony	A platform attached to the outside of a building	Mr Hoppy watched from his balcony.
Neighbour	A person who lives nearby	Mr Hoppy was Mrs Silver's neighbour.
Spell	A set of magical words	Mr Hoppy invented a special spell.
Curious	Wanting to know more	Mrs Silver was curious about the spell.
Secret	Something kept hidden from others	Mr Hoppy had a secret plan.
Shrink	To become smaller	The jumper seemed to shrink in the wash.
Grow	To become bigger	Alfie appeared to grow larger.
Trick	A clever plan to fool someone	Mr Hoppy's trick worked perfectly.
Whisper	To speak very quietly	Mr Hoppy whispered the spell.
Proud	Feeling pleased about something	Mrs Silver was proud of Alfie.
Surprise	Something unexpected	The ending was a wonderful surprise.

Descriptive Vocabulary

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Tiny	Very small	The tiny tortoise hid in the corner.

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Enormous	Very large	The enormous tortoise amazed Mrs Silver.
Gentle	Kind and calm	Mr Hoppy was a gentle man.
Clever	Quick at learning or thinking	Mr Hoppy had a clever idea.
Patient	Able to wait calmly	He was patient while his plan worked.
Lonely	Feeling sad because you are alone	Mr Hoppy often felt lonely.
Excited	Very happy and eager	Mrs Silver was excited by Alfie's growth.
Astonished	Very surprised	She was astonished by what she saw.

Action Words

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Peer	To look closely	Mr Hoppy peered over the balcony.
Lift	To move something upwards	He carefully lifted the tortoise.
Replace	To put something back	Mr Hoppy replaced one tortoise with another.
Collect	To gather things together	He collected many tortoises.
Admire	To look at with pleasure	Mrs Silver admired Alfie every day.
Mumble	To speak quietly and unclearly	He mumbled the magic words.
Pretend	To act as if something is true	Mr Hoppy pretended the spell was real.

Feelings Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example Sentence
Nervous	Worried about what might happen	Mr Hoppy felt nervous about his plan.
Hopeful	Feeling that something good will happen	He was hopeful that Mrs Silver would notice him.
Delighted	Very pleased and happy	Mrs Silver was delighted with Alfie's progress.
Embarrassed	Feeling shy or uncomfortable	Mr Hoppy felt embarrassed speaking to her.