

1.3 Vocabulary  
“The Mysterious Mr. Lincoln” by Russell Freedman

Word	Definition	Synonym	Antonym
listless (adj)	lacking energy	lethargic, spiritless, inactive, sluggish	alert, alive, awake, energetic
countenance (noun)	the face; expression of the face	face, profile	none
patronized (verb)	to go to as a customer, support a business by purchasing things	do business with buy from	oppose, boycott
melancholy (adj)	sad; depressed	sad, sorrowful, unhappy, gloomy, forlorn, despondent	cheerful, joyful, bright
yarn (verb)	an entertaining tale (made up)	story, tale, saga	
denounce (verb)	to condemn; to criticize	condemn, criticize, attack, discredit	applaud, approve, compliment
meddle (verb)	to intrude or interfere	interfere in/with Intrude on/into	aid, assist, help
abolitionist (noun)	one who advocated the end (of slavery)	advocate, activist	
defy (verb)	to boldly oppose or resist	disobey, go against, disregard, ignore	aid, assist, help
repose (noun)	the act of resting	lie, rest, be placed, be situated	action, awakening, wakefulness

The summer heat makes me listless.

She was giving her specific countenance to the occasion.

They patronized the locally owned restaurant.

She felt a little melancholy when her fifteen year old cat, Biscuit, died.

They were yarning about local legends and superstitions.

Some of his own priests denounced him to the King.

You have no right to come in here and meddle with my things.

The abolitionist helped slaves escape through the Underground Railroad.

His actions defied the classroom rules.

In repose her face looked relaxed.

The diamond now reposes in the pawn shop.