

AWESOME STORIES

VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER

HELEN KELLER

Braille ♥ condescending ♥ consciousness ♥ domineer ♥ finger spelling
♥ incorrigible ♥ odorous ♥ persimmons ♥ poignant ♥ stroke

Braille* ♡ system of writing for blind/visually impaired individuals

- Braille – noun
- Louis Braille was still a French school boy when he invented a reading/writing system which bears his name.
- Braille – noun
- The Braille system uses raised dots which people read with their fingers.
- Braille – noun
- Nearly every country in the world uses a Braille code which is adapted to its own language.

THE BRAILLE ALPHABET

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*Braille – See Chapter 9 (Helen Keller in Words and Sound)

Condescending* ♥ acting in a superior manner to someone else

- Condescending – adjective
- Children often dislike the condescending attitude of some adults.
- Condescendingly – adverb
The teenager wondered: “Why did he have to act so condescendingly?”
- Condescend – verb
- It isn’t helpful when you condescend like that!



- * Condescending – See Chapter 9 (Helen Keller in Words and Sound)

Consciousness* ♥ being aware

- Consciousness – noun
- Helen Keller remembered what it was like when she first realized the meaning and power of language: “Suddenly I felt a misty consciousness as of something forgotten.”
- Conscious – adjective
- Conscious thought is one of the truly great gifts of life.



- *Consciousness – See Chapter 5 (The Miracle Worker)

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Domineer* ♥ acting with overbearing or arrogant control

- Domineer – verb
- The co-worker asked his colleague: “Do you always have to domineer every undertaking?”
- Domineering – adjective
- Before she learned how to fairly play with others,
- Helen Keller had a domineering attitude over her
- friend, Martha Washington.
- Domineer - verb
- Annie Sullivan did not allow her student,
- Helen Keller, to domineer their relationship.



*Domineer – See Chapter 3 (*Child of the Silent Night*)

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Finger spelling* ♥ communicating with finger signs

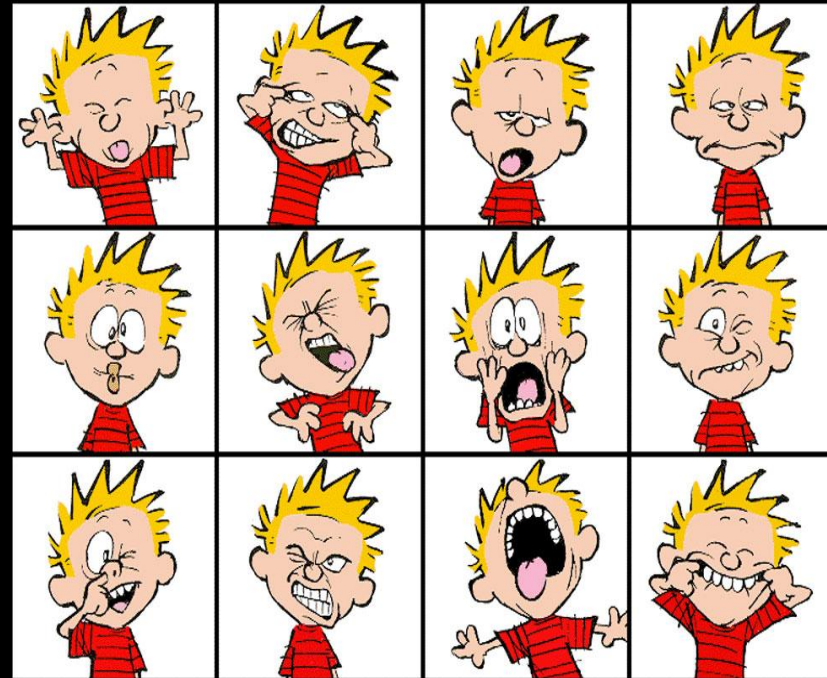
- Finger spelling – noun
- Annie Sullivan used finger spelling to help Helen Keller understand the meaning and power of language.
- Finger spelling – verb
- Finger spelling into Helen Keller's hand,
- Annie Sullivan taught her pupil the meaning of words.



- *Finger spelling – See Chapter 4 (Anne Sullivan)

Incorrigible* ♥ unruly; unmanageable

- Incorrigible – noun
- Before Annie Sullivan became her teacher,
- Helen Keller was an incorrigible.
- Incorrigible – adjective
- Incorrigible children show their unruly,
- unmanageable behavior in many different
- ways.



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*Incorrigible – See Chapter 5 (*The Miracle Worker*)

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Odorous* ♥ producing a distinctive smell

- Odorous – adjective
- Babies who need a diaper change create an odorous atmosphere.
- Odorously – adverb
- Every day the mother longed to be odorously challenged!



*Odorous – See Chapter 9 (Helen Keller in Words and Sound, Part 2)

Persimmons* ♡ fruit – usually orange in color – edible only when ripe

- Persimmons – noun (plural)
- When she was a girl, Helen Keller loved to hunt for persimmons when she was on vacation in the mountain foothills near Tusculumbia, Alabama.
- Persimmon – adjective
- The fruit of a persimmon tree is edible *only* when it is ripe!
- Persimmons – noun
- Persimmons, like those in the picture, also grow in Japan.



*Persimmons – See Chapter 8 (Helen Keller in Words and Sound)

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Poignant* ♥ Touchingly meaningful

- Poignant – adjective
- A handmade headstone - in a Manchester, England cemetery - is a poignant tribute to someone's father.
- Poignantly – adverb
- A handmade headstone, at Weaste Cemetery, poignantly tells visitors that Thomas Taylor died in 1937.

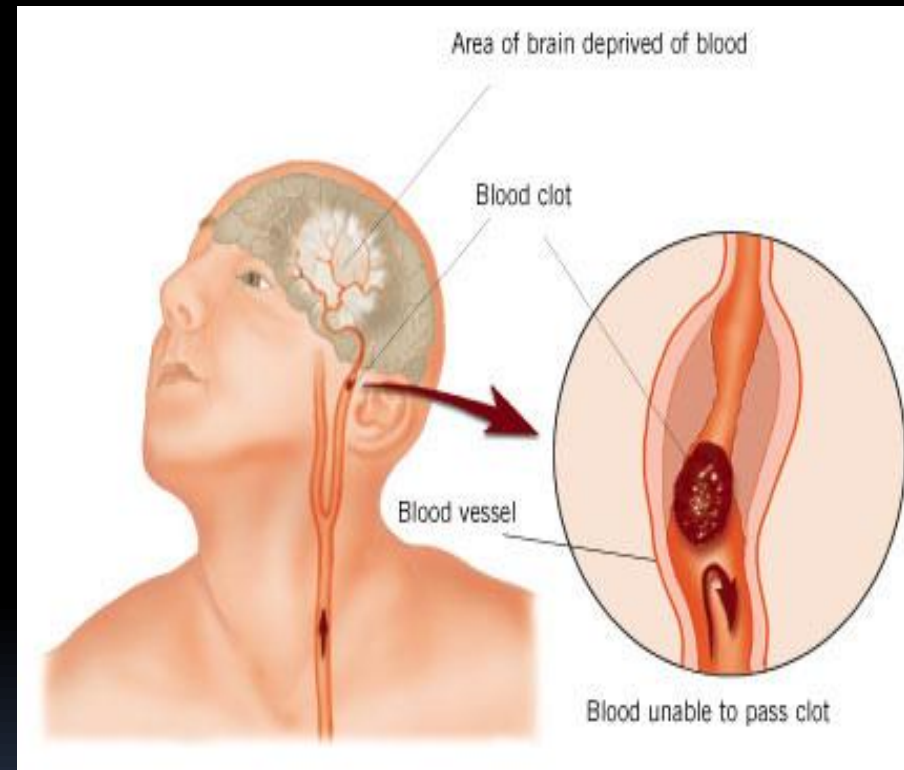


*Poignant – See Chapter 7 (*They Did not Take My Soul*)

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Stroke* ♥ “brain attack” - when blood stops flowing to a part of the brain

- Stroke – noun
- A stroke can occur when oxygen in the blood cannot get to the brain. A blood clot is one cause for this condition.
- Strokes – noun (plural)
- Helen Keller suffered the first of several strokes in 1961.



*Stroke – See Chapter 7 (*They Did not Take My Soul*)

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