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# Chatty Vocabulary

**Before Reading:** As you come across words in bold in *The Tale of the Too Talkative Turtle*, ask yourself if you know them or if you can figure them out from context clues. Then check their meanings here.

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- tutors:** “His **tutors**, Rishi and Rishika, walk alongside him.” (p. 21)  
*Meaning:* teachers who give private lessons to only one student or a few students at a time
- exquisite:** “This **exquisite** lake shall be mine too.” (p. 21)  
*Meaning:* very beautiful or fine
- snuffle:** “The turtles **snuffle** quietly, all except for Kambu.” (p. 22)  
*Meaning:* to breathe through the nose with a sniffing sound
- cove:** “Flee to the next **cove**, before you get caught in their nets.” (p. 23)  
*Meaning:* a small area of ocean that is partly surrounded by land
- shikara:** “There’s a boat heading to the cove now . . . It’s a **shikara**.” (p. 23)  
*Meaning:* a type of long wooden boat that is traditional in northern India
- squabbling:** “Kambu hears the white cranes **squabbling** overhead.” (p. 24)  
*Meaning:* arguing noisily about something unimportant
- quiver:** “Kambu’s jaw starts to **quiver**.” (p. 25)  
*Meaning:* to shake lightly
- plummets:** “He shouts out . . . and **plummets** into the water.” (p. 25)  
*Meaning:* falls suddenly straight down (especially from a very high place)

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**After Reading:** Now that you have read these vocabulary words in context, check your understanding by using the correct term from the word box to answer each question below.

### WORD BOX

tutors  
shikara

exquisite  
cove

snuffle  
quiver

squabbling  
plummets

1. What does an apple do when it is dropped out of a tree house window? \_\_\_\_\_
2. To improve your grade in math, you might get a math expert to work with you one-on-one after school. What are these kinds of teachers called? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Which word describes what dogs do when searching around the house for a treat? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What might you use to travel across a lake in northern India? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which word describes how a bunny might react if it came face-to-face with a hungry-looking wolf?  
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6. Many siblings spend long car trips arguing with each other for little reason. What is another word for this type of fighting? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When ocean water wears away at the soft rock along a coastline, it sometimes creates a small body of water that juts out from the main ocean. What is this body of water called? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Red diamonds are among the rarest, most dazzling gemstones in the world. What is another word you could use to describe these gemstones? \_\_\_\_\_